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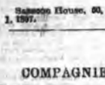

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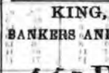

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NOTICE TO INTENDING PASSENGERS.

WITH a view to enable the Railway Company to provide adequate accommodation to meet the heavy Passenger Traffic from Bombay by the Mail Trains of WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 22nd and 23rd instant, intending First and Second Class Passengers are requested to either book their seats beforehand at the Colaba, Church Gate or Grant Road Stations or to notify their intention to travel to the Traffic Manager, Bombay.
It may be necessary, as in previous years, to run an additional Express, 27th or 28th Proximo, leaving Colaba 15 minutes after the Ordinary Mail Train.
C. CROMMELIN,
Acting General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, 2nd December, 1897.

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A fee of Rs. 2 will be charged for each Copy.
P. C. H. SNOW,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices, Bombay, 10th December, 1897.

BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce have APPOINTED THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 16th and 17th December, 1897, for the purpose of BALLOTTING for the ELECTION of the DEPUTY CHAIRMAN of the Chamber for the year 1898. The BALLOT BOX will be OPEN at the Office of the Chamber from 10 A.M. till 6 P.M., on each of the above days.
By Order of the Committee,
JOHN MARSHALL,
Secretary.
Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, December 10th, 1897.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.
NOTICE.

THE Public are advised that on and after FRIDAY next, the seventeenth instant, the DOWN PASSENGER TRAIN LEAVING VICTORIA TERMINUS, Bombay, daily at 16-20 o'clock for POONA, and the UP PASSENGER TRAIN LEAVING POONA DAILY at 6 o'clock for Bombay, will be STOPPED at THANA by signal to pick up and set down First and Second Class Passengers only and their servants to and from Poona or stations beyond.
A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, the tenth of December, 1897.

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SILVER FITTINGS, FITTED.

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MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.
NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, up to 2 P.M., on MONDAY, the 20th day of December, 1897, for the construction of several roads in the Railway Siding on the Flats at Mahalaxmi and Masjid Culverts over the old Agrivada Road.
2. Form of Contract, Specification, &c., may on payment of Rs. 5 be obtained from the Undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.
3. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. one thousand and five hundred to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of Tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.
4. A further payment to make the total deposit equivalent to 10 per cent. on the Contract amount will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.
5. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.
By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,
M. C. MURZBAN, F.R.I.B.A., M. INST. C. E.,
Executive Engineer, Municipality.
Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 10th December, 1897.

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9th Dec., 1897.

MADRAS RACES.
1ST SPRING MEETING 1897.

OWNERS are reminded that the 1st ENTRANCES for the 1st SPRING MEETING to be held on the 25th, 27th and 29th January, 1898, CLOSE on WEDNESDAY, the 15th December, 1897.
Special attention is drawn to first para. of General Conditions No. 9.
G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
For Honorary Secretary, Madras Races.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Manager, WARORA COLLIERYS, up to 1 P.M., on 31st January, 1898, for the SUPPLY of INDIGENOUS STORES required for the Warora Colliery, during the financial year 1898-99.
1. Form of Tender, conditions of Contract and List of Stores to be supplied may be had on application to Undersigned, on payment of one rupee per set.
2. Tenders should be superscribed "Tenders for supply of Stores."
3. The Manager does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.
R. WORDSWORTH, Manager,
Warora Collieries.
Warora, dated 4th December, 1897.

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10 LOTS OF TOOLS AND MACHINERY AND SCRAP COPPER, &c.,
now lying ready for inspection at the Company's General Store Depot, Parel, so be seen on application to the Undersigned.
Forms of Tender can be obtained from the office of the Undersigned, and must be sent in with a deposit as security for the due fulfilment of Contract.
The Agent does not bind himself to accept the highest or any offer.
ALFRED KING,
General Storekeeper.
General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 25th November, 1897.

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P. and O. s. s. Shannon, with English mails of the 30th ultimo, due to arrive, 7 a.m.

Poonbay Extra Races.

Annual Meeting of the University Senate, 5-15 p.m.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.

B. V. R. parade.

Exhibition of the Cinematograph, Town Hall.

Moonlight Band on the Esplanade, 8 o'clock.

Music at the Bacecourse, 4 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 24m. Sun sets, 5h. 24m. High water, 1-0m., 6-41a. Low water, 7-6m., 6-40a.

Prince's Dock.—The steamer Imperialist entered the dock yesterday.

Fair.—The annual fair, known as the Kurrimshah Fair, was held last evening, at the Grant Road Cemetery, and will terminate this morning.

The Levee.—We inadvertently omitted Rao Bahadur Bhaskarrao Balkrishnajee Pitale's name from the list of gentleman who attended H. E. the Governor's levee, held on the 8th instant.

Carriage Accident.—On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Parsons, in company of another lady, was being driven along the Queen's Road, when over the Chowpatty Railway level-crossing, the horse tripped and fell, injuring the knees, and breaking the shafts of the brougham. None of the occupants were injured.

Stranding of a Machwa.—About 10 o'clock, on the night of the 8th instant, a machwa, in charge of Hadal Tookaram Hadoo, was sailing towards the Mazagon Bunder, with a cargo of firewood, when it was against a rock, and one of the planks giving way, it filled with water and sank. The machwa was subsequently towed into the Mazagon basin.

Accident at the Tardeo Fair.—At 10 o'clock, on Thursday night, while fire-works were being let off at the Tardeo Fair, a piece of wood attached to a rocket fell on one Goojjuar Moojee, who was standing amongst the crowd of spectators. The man sustained a wound about three inches long on the head. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital, and after the injury was dressed, was allowed to go home.

Bulk Oil.—The s. s. Murex, 2,329 tons, Captain E. Saillday, which arrived in harbour on Thursday evening, from Batoum, has brought 83,000 tons (1,162,924 gallons) kerosine oil in bulk, consigned to the Bulk Oil Installation Company. The steamer will be brought to-day alongside the timber pier, and the liquid cargo will be transhipped from the hold into the reservoirs at Mody Bunder. During the voyage the vessel encountered heavy rain in the southward part of the Red Sea.

Music at the Bacecourse.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the direction of Bandmaster A. Mallandaine will play the following programme, at the Mahaluxmi Racecourse, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock :—

March	Old Berlin ..... Frans Von Blon.
Reminiscences of	All Nations ..... Godfrey.
Polka (Piccolo Solo, Lilliputian	Reeves.
Selection	Les Cloches de Corneville ..Planquette.
Valse	Spero ..... Waldteufel.
Galop	Mercur ..... Roedeberk.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

A Successful Lady L.M. and S.—Miss Mithibai C. Khambatta, who has passed for the final L.M. and S. degree of the Bombay University with distinction, has had a creditable career. She received her education from the beginning at the Scottish High School; and in 1892 matriculated at the age of 15 years. Having in 1893 passed the examinations in the Sixth and Fluids with a scholarship of Rs. 120, she passed in the following year for the first L. M. with Sir Dinshaw Petit scholarship for Rs. 200. In 1895, she passed the second L. M. with Sir James Fergusson scholarship for Rs. 240, and the Anderson scholarship for Rs. 360. This year she has passed the last two L. M. and S. with the Lady Reay gold medal and scholarship for Medical Women in India.

Bhaynagar Notes.—The new Parsee dharmsala building which commands the view of the town was on *fete* yesterday, the occasion being the marriage of the only son of Mr. Nusserwanjee, the founder of Varej, with a daughter of the Patel family. Arches were erected at the entrance door, bearing suitable inscriptions, and the whole compound was gaily decorated with flags, bunting and festoons of flowers. In the evening the building was elaborately decorated with kanir lights and chandeliers, etc. After the Ashrwad ceremonies were concluded, guests of all denominations were invited to table, after which everyone was garlanded. Among those present were Messrs. Burjorjee, the medical officer of Bhaynagar State, Jamshedji, the Judicial Counsellor, Karanja, the Postal Superintendent, Jamsedjee, Principal of the College, and others.

The Illegal Emigration to South Africa.—Mr. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, yesterday afternoon, resumed the hearing of the charge of inducing natives of British India to emigrate by sea to a foreign land in South Africa, namely, to the port of Beira, an unscheduled place, to labour for him on the earth-work of a railway line, which was in course of construction at a distance of about 240 miles from the port. The charge was preferred against Mr. Ismailbuy Thavar, a broker in Messrs. Mc-Kinnon, McKenzie and Company, at the instance of Mr. John Wilkie, Protector of Emigrants, under the Indian Emigration Act. The accused is charged with the evidence, shipped 500 coolies in two batches in the s. s. Dayabasa and s. s. Kirkella, on 24th November and 2nd December 1896, respectively, 453 of the total number about 300 died in Africa, the daily numb r of deaths among them being 7 or 8. The rest, who, it was alleged, were very badly treated, had to beg their passage to India. About 70 persons returned to Bombay in a sorry plight. Mr. Little, Public Prosecutor, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. Craigie, solicitor, defended the accused. The circumstances under which, the prosecution alleged, the coolies were taken to South Africa have already been published. Some further evidence having been recorded the matter was adjourned.

The Stabbing of a Policeman.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. P. H. Dastur, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, disposed of the case in which Superintendent Nolan prosecuted Khudabux Eilahbux, a Mahomedan mendicant, on a charge of causing grievous hurt to Sitaram Tanoo, a policeman attached to A Division, by means of a dangerous weapon, viz., a pen-knife. The facts of the case have already been published. The accused was accused by the policeman, on the morning of the 10th November last, for having in his possession about ten seers of ponasnuts, reasonably suspected of having been stolen. The matter was being investigated, and as the accused was being escorted by the complainant from Byculla to the Fort he turned upon the latter near the Byculla Bridge, and stabbed him on the abdomen with a penknife, inflicting a severe wound. The complainant, who was recently discharged from the hospital, gave similar evidence to that made by him in his dying declaration recorded by Mr. Dastur. Dr. Gillespie, house surgeon to the J. J. Hospital, gave evidence describing the wounds. The accused in his defence, said that he was at the time under the influence of ganja and consequently did not remember having stabbed the complainant with a penknife which did not belong to him. He was searched three times before his arrest, and no knife was found on him. His Worship, in disposing of the case, remarked that the knife with which the accused stabbed the complainant was a small one, and he stabbed with no intention of causing serious injury. The complainant was detained in the hospital for twenty-one days, and he had now been discharged quite cured. His Worship did not think it necessary to commit the case to the Sessions. The accused was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Hon Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna presided at the weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation, held yesterday afternoon, when there were also present :—Messrs T. W. Cuffe, H. G. Gell, Fazulbhoy Visram, K. N. Kabraji, M. Sheoff Ibrahim Rahimtulla, Professor D. V. Bhide, Dr. K. A. Hashmiji, Dr. J. S. Karaka, and Dr. C. G. Velgaonkar.

Registration of Births and Deaths.

The Committee further considered the draft report on the question of the proposed amendments of the law relating to the registration of births and deaths. After some discussion, the report was adopted with some verbal alterations. It was then resolved to forward the report as adopted to the Corporation.

Re-organization of the Health Department.

The Committee next considered the draft report on the question of the re-organisation of the Health Department. After some discussion the report, with some suggestions from the Municipal Commissioner, was adopted [illegible] be forwarded to the Corporation.

Prince's Dock.

The Committee sanctioned the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Tata Kaya and Company for the construction of a road from Dockyard Road to the junction of Coppersmith Street and Gunpowdey Road at Chinchpoti road agreeably to Rs. 17,347 to be debited to the grant for the construction of the new Wadi Bunder Road.

The Committee, after transacting some more business, adjourned.

MOONLIGHT BAND.

By permission of Lieutenant-Colonel E. S. Luard and officers, the band of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps will perform the following programme at the Esplanade Bandstand, at 9 o'clock, this evening :—

March	Nibelungen on Motives ..... R. Wagner
Selection, Scots and Peasant	Suppe
Two Hungarian Dances	Brahms
From Carriss Suite	
Valse	Ma Belle Amie ..... Meissler.
Schubert's Ave Maria (arrgd by)	Lux.
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Synopsis :—The humour of this piece consists in the rendering of the variations on one of the simplest old German airs in such a manner that the style for which each great composer is celebrated is reproduced in a quaint parody within the limits of a few bars. Theme—Old Song. "Kommelig Vogel Heliogen."—Variations in the style of (1) J. S. Bach, varying the simple air with learned counterpoint, going like an Organ Fugue. (2) Haydn : A String Quartet. (3) Mozart : A Clarionet Solo. (4) Strauss : Valse. (5) Verdi : In the Operatic style. (6) Gounod : Ballet Music on the "Gavotte Scene" in Faust. (7) Wagner : Parody on two motives from Lohengrin and Tannhauser. (8) Beethoven : A Violin Sonata (for three instruments). (9) Mendelsohn : Imitation of the Scherzo in Midsummer Night's Dream. (10) Brahms : Parody on "Hungarian Dances." (11) Meyerbeer : Parody on the "Dagger Scene" in Les Huguenots. (12) Military March.

N.B.—The above synopsis is given to enable the audience to take a more intelligent interest in the performance of this piece.

HIGH COURT.—Appellate Side.

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons and the Hon. Mr. Justice Ranade.)

LICENSES FOR STABLES FOR BULLOCK CARTS OR MILCH CATTLE.

Mr. W. R. Hamilton, as acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, asked the opinion of the High Court with reference to two municipal cases, in which the Municipality had prosecuted the owners of certain lands, who allowed cartmen to stable their carts and bullocks on the land and received a fee of one rupee for each cart and pair of bullocks. The accused had no licenses under section 394 of the Municipal Act 3 of 1888. The section says "No person shall use any premises" for "keeping horses, cattle, &c., for sale or hire" without a license. The magistrates generally construed, Mr. Hamilton said, this section to mean that the cartmen who used the land for stabling their bullocks must take out a license, and that the owner of the land could not be punished for allowing the cartmen to use his land. It appeared to Mr. Hamilton that the section was also open to that construction that as the owner put his land to this use, he used his premises for this purpose, and that he was responsible if he did not possess a license. Cartmen and milkmen could not be expected to take out licenses for stables which did not belong to them. They simply paid a fee for each animal, and it was the duty of the owner to take out a license for the stable if he wished to use it for other than domestic purposes. It was extremely inconvenient to prosecute 20 or 30 cartmen or milkmen when one prosecution against the landlord would suffice; and even when these cannot be driven away, they were succeeded by others who had to be prosecuted. The obvious intention of the section was that the license shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the premises, and this could not be done when the occupiers were held responsible, and not the landlord. The license fees payable are Rs. 5 for 1 to 20 bullocks; Rs. 10 for 21 to 50, and Rs. 15 for over 50 bullocks. Mr. Hamilton therefore asked the following question :—Whether the owner of any premises who uses his premises as a stable for bullock carts or milch cattle, or cab horses, is punishable under section 394 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act when he does so without a license. The question assumes a use and the nature of the use and is one of fact rather than of law, and we refer the magistrate for an answer to the words of the section itself which are very plain. "No person," it says, "shall use any premises without a license for keeping horses, cattle, or other four-footed animals for sale or hire or for sale of the produce thereof." If the owner of premises without a license allows such animals to be kept therein, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise, in our opinion, he should be considered to use his premises for that purpose, and so to contravene the provisions of the section. We return the case with the above answer.

For the reasons stated in the above judgment, their lordships directed that the case be returned with the following answer :—If the owner of premises without a license allows such animals as are mentioned therein, whether on payment of a fee or otherwise, he should be considered to use his premises for that purpose, and so to contravene the provisions of section 394 of Bombay Act 3 of 1888.

GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO A PUBLIC SERVANT.

Imperatrix vs. Shripat bin Waman and two others.

This was an application for revision of a decision of Mr. S. S. Talbot, first-class magistrate of Satara, who, in Mareh last, convicted three accused of giving false information to a public servant in order to cause him to use his lawful power to the injury or annoyance of any person, and fined them Rs. 40 each, or in default to suffer one month's rigorous imprisonment. The magistrate's judgment and sentence were confirmed by Mr. C. B. Winchester, District Magistrate of Satara. Mr. B. A. Bhagwat appeared for the accused and Mr. Rajaram Narayan for the complainant; and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

It appears from the magistrate's finding that the three accused persons, who were members of the Uttara, were charged with having, on the 19th September 1897, given false information to the Talathi of Kasaba Tarale, knowing it to be false to the complainant Kondal Komkhander. The latter was the widow of a military pensioner, and as such was entitled to receive a pension till she entered into a second marriage. The three accused forwarded a report to the mamlatdar of Wai that she had remarried by means of a ceremony known as Pat. Such a report authority they forwarded a statement by one Kasinath Apaji Kulkarni which, they alleged, was taken in their presence at the time the ceremony was performed. They admitted that they made the report in question. They produced many witnesses to prove that they had in fact given notice to the accused that the remarriage of the complainant had taken place, but Kasinath himself, the one important witness, had not been examined. It was obvious, said the magistrate, that he remained in the background because his evidence would be damaging. The magistrate was accordingly satisfied that the accused guilty and sentenced them as mentioned above.

Mr. Justice Parsons, in giving the court's judgment, said: It is unnecessary for us to discuss the decision of the Madras High Court in the case of Empress of India v. Queen against Narian, (I. L. R. 4. Mad. page 341), because in the present case the Mamlatdar, to whom the false information was given, had no power to be exercised by him to the direct and immediate prejudice of the complainant against who, the information was levelled. He was the officer who disbursed the pension to which the complainant was entitled and as such had the power to stop payment of the pension. This he would naturally have done at once on receipt of information that the complainant had remarried and thereby forfeited right to the pension. Again the direct and immediate result of the information was that the Mamlatdar instituted an inquiry and called up the complainant. This he would not have done had he known that the story of the remarriage was false, and this alone must have caused annoyance to the complainant. We reject the application.

Their lordships, on a consideration of the facts and arguments, dismissed the application.

THE LATE DASTUR NOSHERWANJI OF SURAT.

A correspondent writes :—Dastur Nosherwanji Kalkhosro, the high-priest of the Parsees of Surat, who died on Saturday last, the 4th instant, was of the Bhagar denomination of priests and traced his descent from Neriosang Dhaval, the well-known translator of the book of the Avesta language into Sanskrit. Dastur Kalkhosbro, the father of the deceased, is remembered to this day as the sacerdotal head who presided with dignity over the affairs of the widest secular influence over his co-religionists. Dastur Nosherwanji's was a less practical cast of mind; more contemplative and inquisitive than the Angelic Dastur Kalkhosbro, the father of the deceased, is remembered to this day as the sacerdotal head who presided with dignity over the affairs of the widest secular influence over his co-religionists. Dastur Nosherwanji's was a less practical cast of mind; more contemplative and inquisitive than the Angelic of 1832 he was initiated into the bewildering mysteries of Zoroastrian ritual; and gradually acquired all the knowledge and learning of the profession to which he was called at the death of his father in 1858 and which he had been discharging for the last fifty years. He could decipher with facility the notoriously unintelligible legal document. He was a most profound theologian, and, without which a scholar by knowledge of Persian is all but impossible. In classical Illuhiyaat the Dastur was quite up to date, and could quote chapter and verse of curious Moulvis. He took part in the ceremonies which his father was called upon to conduct before the Towers of Silence at Bunder and Surat, and was especially the Parsian. He could decipher with facility the notoriously unintelligible legal document. 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The controversy was carried on with all the vehemence characteristic of the times and the point could ultimately be settled only when the Dastur of Surat sent down a Pahalavi book from his library. The private library of Dastur Nosherwanji is said to be rich in valuable manuscripts. When Dr. Martin Haug on his tour in Gujrat visited Surat he was struck with the fluency of the Dastur's Persian, which was the only medium of conversation between them, and the great Orientalist testified his admiration of the priest's attainments in a highly complimentary letter. The lamented Professor James Darmesteter, during his sojourn in India had evinced great eagerness to meet the learned Parsis of that Dastur of Surat to whom must belong the infamy, or credit, according as the fact is looked at in the light of religious broad-mindedness or narrow bigotry, of having to the late enterprising Francisco Anquetil Du Perron, the up-to-then sealed books of Zoroaster. The professor was not disappointed by his visit, and at his own request Dastur Nosherwanji presented him with a much prized volume from his library. Darmesteter would have been very happy to pursue, again with undiminished his sacred science, but the Dastur took it upon his account, collection as a burthen, and appeared so reluctant to part with the coveted book that the professor did not importunate. Always yielding, gentle and meek to a fault, Dastur Nosherwanji was all the same not to be shaken from his convictions in matters religious. His discouraged the wasteful, ajna-nasta expenses invested in the name of religion by modern patriarchs, and has specially enjoined his relations to limit such expenditure to a specified sum. These dying injunctions of the venerable priest, if carried out, will set an example worthy of imitation. Being eminently fitted for the post of Dasturship both by birth and education the deceased would fain, as the satire support and countenance, among others, of Sir Dinshaw M. Petit, Bart., the munificent patron of sacred learning here. Dastur Nosherwanji was especially enlightened and fully appreciated the blessings of the British rule. He knew enough of the days of the Mahomedan supremacy to see the difference, and an hour's conversation with him was a sure antidote against that peculiar distemper which dosts on the rose-bluish golden age that never existed. Dastur Nosherwanji is succeeded by his eldest son, Dastur Havadji, whose right to the succession the Parsee community of Surat has recognized and confirmed by presenting him with shawls with the formalities at the Dathaima or the third day ceremony.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S LEVEE.

The following gentlemen were unavoidably prevented from attending his Excellency the Governor's Levee, on the 8th instant :—

Castellho, Dr R H	Khurseidji Modi, Sardar D E
Gosting, Mr D	Modi, Mr J F
Kinney, Mr A E	Smith, Major Stanley, R.A.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES AT THE ANTONIO DA SILVA'S SCHOOL.

DR. BHANDARKAR ON EDUCATION.

The annual distribution of prizes to the successful pupils in the Antonio Da Silva's School, Bandar, took place in the spacious hall of the institution, on Thursday evening, before a large and appreciative gathering. Dr. Bhandarkar, C.I.E., presided, and his Lordship the Bishop of Damaun was also present. The proceedings of the evening opened with Verne's "Avondale," which was capitally rendered by St. Lucius' Band. This was followed by a song "Merry May," by the school choir. They sang this song, as they did the others, very well. The Headmaster then read the annual report of the school and the names of the prize-winners. The awards were handed to the winners by Dr. Bhandarkar and his Lordship the Bishop of Damaun. After the prize-distribution Master Bharucha delivered a prologue composed for the occasion, which evoked well deserved applause.

THE REPORT.

The report contained the following remarks :—The committee of management of this institution in presenting their annual report have much pleasure in testify to the satisfactory manner in which the work or education has been carried on, and to the good behaviour, steady application, and regular attendances of by far the greater part of scholars. It is a truth universally acknowledged that each succeeding year bears generally a close resemblance to the preceding one in the developments of edimation, yet the year under review forms a marked exception in the respect owing to the plague, which, whilst spreading terror and panic in most parts of the presidency, caused a temporary suspension of work, to the detriment of our wonted progress. Under the existing circumstances, the authorities deemed it advisable to close the school for nearly two months, and when the annual return was submitted to the Educational Department, in April last, we could only show a very small number on our rolls, namely, 94 against 370 of last year. The loss sustained has been considerable, and it is with feelings of deep regret that we have to record the premature deaths of nine of our boys who fell victims to the direful visitation. Matters, however, have improved, and we are happy to state that we close the scholastic year with 241 pupils on the rolls—2 Europeans, 103 East Indians and Portuguese, 48 Hindus, 18 Parsees, 9 Mahomedans, and one Jew. We are glad to mention that of the Dastur Peshotan Memorial Scholarship Mr. Jehangir Framji Vesseriany College this year, headed the list of successful candidates at the First Professional Examination, carrying off the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fulton's prize, of the aggregate value of Rs. 20, in books, and Professor Steel's silver medal. Also of the Rajaram Sastri prizes, the second class, having previously passed the First LL.B. Examination. Of the three candidates presented at the late Matriculation Examination, one came off successful. This year we presented three candidates for the same examination, but the results have not been published. It is gratifying to note that only since last year the average number of boys in the higher classes is rapidly increasing, and we trust in a few years more will be able to say that the work of the Entrance Examination. We would earnestly request parents, who have the welfare of their children at heart, to bestow much pains to insert the reports in full, but we shall give an exact copy of those of the higher Standards, and extracts of the Infant Schools.

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A large number of people from Bombay, as well as the locality, were present at the St. Joseph's Convent School, Bandora, on Thursday evening, when the annual prize-giving ceremony was presided over by the Archbishop of Bombay. The school report which was read, said :—

It is again with pleasure that we submit to the audience the report of our institution, which comprises three distinct schools, the European, the English Teaching, and the Village School. The number of boarders and 1st class day-scholars in the European School is 200 ; the 2nd class day-scholars and children of the Orphanage belonging to the English Teaching School number 286, not including 15 girls employed in house-work; besides these, there are 100 in the Village School, making a total of 586 pupils. Owing to the prevailing disease—the bubonic fever—our schools only opened in February but as very few children returned to the European School, and a good number of day-scholars were absent in the English-Teaching School, the number of the Sisters were offered to the Commissioner of Bombay to nurse the poor plague-stricken. 17 of our Sisters were, therefore, actively employed in the hospitals of Bombay and its surroundings, from the 21st February till the 31st May ; and in Karachi, till June. When the plague was nearly at an end, the Sisters, were replaced in the hospitals by English nurses who came from Europe. After a few weeks' stay at Panchgani to recruit their strength, the Sisters all returned to their convents with the exception of the dearly-loved Sister Elizabeth, who fell a victim to the disease. She volunteered her services for the plague-stricken, but as she was of a delicate constitution, it was only thought necessary that she was sent to replace a Sister who became ill in the hospital. She was the last to go but the first to earn her eternal reward for her labour of love, for she entered upon her work of charity with a devotedness that knew no bounds. While on the one hand, we deeply regret her loss, on the other, we thank God for the noble death she was destined to die. The little children have lost in her an affectionate guide and friend, for she was singularly known by her tact and gentleness in training them. As some of the teaching Sisters volunteered their services for the hospitals, additional work fell on the remaining ones. The elder boarders seeing this, helped the Sisters in every possible way, and one among them in particular, her studies and Matriculation discontinued them in order to prove more useful. In general, the conduct and application of our pupils have been very good. Besides the branches of knowledge laid down in the Government course, some of the elder boarders devote their time to domestic economy. Without, however, neglecting to learn every kind of ornamental work, they cut out and make up their own dresses. They have greatly improved in cooking, and the well-prepared dishes made by them on several occasions, have elicited for them great praise. The Government Inspector, Mr. J. Oliver, inspected our English-Teaching and European Schools on September 14th and 15th respectively. Notwithstanding the many drawbacks owing to the plague, both schools gave the average attendance, as may be seen from extracts of the Inspector's report. We would take this opportunity to insert the reports in full, but we shall give an exact copy of those of the higher Standards, and extracts of the Infant Schools.

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CHINA NEWS.

The prompt measures taken by Germany to obtain satisfaction for the murder of two German missionaries in Kiaochau Bay, in the Province of Shantung, forts in Kiaochau Bay, is regarded with intense gratification in the Far East, and this *coup de main* is the first of many humiliations received at the hands of, with the Chinese authorities, who have too often been allowed to disregard the existence of the Treaties providing for the protection of the foreigner in China. The decisive action is due to Baron von Heyking, the Minister to Peking, and he was duly taken after the Admiral of the German Squadron in Russia and France, had received notice of the intended step. Nowithstanding the many drawbacks owing to the plague, both schools gave the average attendance, as may be seen from extracts of the Inspector's report. We would take this opportunity to insert the reports in full, but we shall give an exact copy of those of the higher Standards, and extracts of the Infant Schools.

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GERMANY AND CHINA.

THE SEIZURE OF KIAOCHAU BAY.

The China Gazette of Nov. 27 gives the following account of the seizure of Kiaochau :—Startling rumours of German occupation of various parts of the coast of China, ranging in popular report from Tongkau, the port north of Pechow—where the Germans have recently been surveying, to Kiaochau Bay in Shantung, greatly exercised the public mind in Shanghai to-day, and on flying all sorts of speculations of an uneasy and uneasy kind. It was known that Messrs Siemssen's steamer Loongmoon cleared the other day from this port, ostensibly for Kiaochau, but in reality for a destination which was kept a secret. Upon her return to-day it leaked out that she had not been to Japan at all, but had been carrying despatches connected with important military and naval operations, and that her destination had been any un. opened harbour in the North. It was very difficult to learn where she had been, or what she had done, or whether she had touched at Wei-hai-wei, but we are glad to say we are in a position to give reliable information of her movements. These synchronise and coincide with the reports that the three German warships, Kaiser (flagship), Princess Wilhelm, and Arcona, which left Shanghai last week for the North, proceeded to Kiaochau Bay, and anchored in the south-east of Shantung. Their mission is in close connection with the recent brutal massacre of two Roman Catholic missionaries of Bishop Anzer's Mission in Mori-dianai Shantung. We congratulate the German Government upon the very proper step it has taken in this matter, which will redound to the advantage not only of every missionary and foreigner of whatever nationality, whose calling or duties takes them into the interior of China, and places them in the hands of such fanatical, foreign-hating ruffians as Li Ping-heng, the ex-Governor of Shantung, who has recently been promoted to the Viceroyalty of Szechuen. It was given out at the time of the murder of the two Roman Catholic Missionaries in Yengtsu, Shantung, that they had fallen victims to a gang of bandits; but private information has reached us, upon which we rely, that these so-called bandits were acting upon the nod, which is as good as a wink to a blind horse, given by Li Ping-heng before his departure from Shantung, en route for Chengtu, the capital of Szechuen, as a parting shot at his hated enemies, the foreign devils. This, we believe, is also taken by the German Government, whose able and fearless Minister, Baron von Heyking, took the matter of the massacre into most urgent consideration that he cut short his visit to the Yangtsze, which was of the highest importance, and hastened back to Peking early in the week by the steamer Changking, arriving probably at the capital yesterday. On his return to Peking he was joined by Admiral Diederichs, who had come from the south point, and one in the middle, and one in the northern peninsula, that he had come to obtain satisfaction for the murder of the two German Missionaries of Bishop Anzer's Roman Catholic Mission, which took place on the 1st instant at Yenchow, the capital of the province, and that he intended landing a strong party of men and occupying the forts. The Chinese General in command was in a terrible state of funk, and tried to refer the matter to Peking, saying he had nothing to do with it. The Admiral returned a peremptory reply, saying that unless this was done in three hours, and would use force to carry out his orders giving the Chinese garrison that time to evacuate the forts, he would bombard them with three old 6-inch guns, the other two with weapons of a more obsolete pattern. The rabble soldiery were composed of

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 10.

WITH the approaching end of the year, traders here are casting about the commercial horizon for some sign of a renewal of activity in the coming year; but in the state of the Produce Markets on the other side they find no encouragement to forward operations, and the ever-present factor of Exchange, with its disturbing influence, militates against business in all directions. During the past week shippers of Produce have been almost out of the market, and the bulk of transactions in our chief staple have been for account of local spinners; while Wheat and Seeds are neglected to a great extent. In Exchange the operations of speculators have caused rates to fluctuate to the extent of some 3-16d.; and they close this evening 3-32d. below our quotations of a week ago. Money is becoming less plentiful. Government Paper has shown a good deal of movement, and closes ¼ per cent. lower than last Friday's rates. Freights have latterly become quiet, but are steady at about previous rates. A moderate business has been reported in Imports on about the basis of last week's rates.

MONEY.—No change took place in the price of monetary accommodation last week, the feeling in the market having remained easy; and the Statement of Affairs of the Bank of Bombay issued on Monday showed but little movement in the figures of which it is composed. The principal change was in Private Deposits, from which there were withdrawals of close upon 16 lakhs; some increase having also taken place in Bills Discounted, and a small diminution having occurred in Loans, making the net increase in trade requirements some 19¼ lakhs, compared with an addition of 31 3-4 lakhs in the week preceding. In Government Securities there was only a net increase of about a lakh. The Bank's Cash Balance showed a decrease of 18 3-4 lakhs, as against a reduction of 16 3-4 lakhs at the close of the previous week.

Meantime, Money has become less plentiful, but the rates of discount remain at 5 per cent. at the Bank of Bombay, and at 4 per cent. outside.

EXCHANGE.—At opening last mail day rates were irregular at 1s. 2 15-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 1-8d. for three months' sight Credits. The Bazaar were buyers, and the market receded 1-32d., all round; moderate amount of business was done in Bank Wire, but Merchants' Bills were very scarce. Bank Telegraphic and Demand were given on Monday at 1s. 2 29-32d., and three months' sight Credits at 1s. 3 1-8d. A small business was done at the opening quotations, after which re-sales came out, and were done at 1s. 3 1-32d., Bank Paper having been available temporarily at 1s. 3d. Firm in tone the following day, rates opened at 1s. 3d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 3-16d. for three months' sight Credits. For the former there was but little enquiry, and the Merchants' bills were placed at 1s. 3¼d. Yesterday the market was unsettled in tone at 1s. 3d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 3 3-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Credits; but speculators having been early in the market, rates gave way to 1s. 2 7-8d. for Bank remittance, at which business was reported. Transactions in Merchants' three months' Sight Bills also took place at 1s. 3¼, which soon declined to 1s. 2 29-32d. The feeling was steady at opening this morning at 1s. 2 7-8d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 3 1-16d. for three months' sight Credits; and during the day 1s. 2 29-32d. was available at Interwals for Bank Paper. The legitimate business reported was on a very limited scale; but speculators are said to have bought freely at current rates. The market closed somewhat irregular as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 2 7-8d.	per rupee.
" Telegraphic	1s. 2 27-32d.	"
" 3 mos' sight	1s. 2 15-16d.	"
" 4 mos' do.	1s. 2 31-32d.	"
" 6 mos' do.	1s. 3 1-32d.	"
Credits 3 do.	1s. 3 1-16d.	"
Do. 6 do.	1s. 3 3-16d.	"
Documents 3 do.	1s. 3 3-32d.	"
Do. 6 do.	1s. 3 7-32d.	"
Francs 3 do.	93 3-4	"
Do. 6 do.	93 3-4	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Last mail day the market opened steady in tone at 99 5-16 for Money, and 99 3-16 for Account for 3½ per Cents; 92, nominal, was quoted for 3 per Cents. On Monday rates were weaker, and declined for 3½ per Cents to 98½ for Cash and 98 12-16 for the Settlement; Threes were nominal. The market continued weak in tone on Tuesday at 98 7-8 for Money, for 3½ per Cents, and 98? for Account; 3 per Cents were again nominal. There was no improvement in the tone of the market on Wednesday, and prices of 3½ per Cents declined to 98 7-16 for Cash and 98 3-8 for the January Settlement, which were also the closing quotations; 91, nominal, was named for Threes. Yesterday the market partially recovered the drop in rates, which were quoted at 98 12-16 for 3½ per Cents for Cash, and 98⅞ for Settlement, with a strong tendency at closing. The feeling in this market has been unsettled to-day, and rates for 3½ per Cents have declined to 98⅛ both for Money and Account, at which they left off this evening; with Threes nominally at 92, nemical.

Municipal 5 per cent. Loan is one per cent. higher at 121. Port Trust Bonds have declined ¼ per cent. to 104.

SHARES.—The market has been quiet but unsteady. Prices show a strong tendency in buyers' favour, Mill Scrip in particular being more so inclined than other scrip. Compared with last Friday's quotations this evening's show an advance of Rs. 10 each, in Central India, Khandesh, and Sholapore; and of Rs. 5 each, in James Greaves, and Southern Maharatta; a decline of Rs. 10), in Madras United; of Rs. 25 each, in Colaba, and Queen; and of Rs. 324, in Manockjee Petit; of Rs. 25 each, in David, and Lukhmidas; of Rs. 20 each in City of Bombay, Indian Manufacturing, and Soondercloss; of Rs. 15 each, in Allianee, Morarji Gocoldas, and New Great Eastern; Rs. 10 each in Jewraj Balloo, Bipon, Swadeshi, and Western India; of Rs. 5 each, in Curla, and Mazagaon. In Presses, Volkarts are Rs. 30 lower; Munmar, Rs. 25; English, Rs. 21; Broach, Rs. 15; and Mofussil, Rs. 10; while Mercantile, are Rs. 5 higher. In Miscellaneous shares, Bombay-Burmah have advanced Rs. 50, in the 1st Issue; and Rs. 15, in the second; and Kemp and Co., and Phillips and Co., Rs. 2 each; while Treacher and Co., have declined Rs. 5. In Banks, Bank of Bombay, are Rs. 5 higher; and Bank of Bengal, Rs. 5 lower.

IMPORTS.

PIECE GOODS.—The restrictions imposed by Government on travellers on account of the plague (which is still with us, has deterred buyers of *Grey Goods* from coming to Bombay in person, and they only send orders to Agents here, who buy what is wanted, (which is generally of well known makes), and no more than suffices for present requirements. Dealers, notwithstanding the unfavourable Exchange, are willing sellers. Rates are well maintained. In *Bleached, Dyed, Turkey Red*, and *Printed Goods* only a small business has transpired at current rates. There has been a steady market for *Locally-made* Goods, at current quotations. The Clearances of *Imported* goods from the Bazaar this week has been about 3,000 packages, and of *Local* about 1,500 bales.

YARNS.—The market for Imported Twist has been quiet in tone, with a moderate business passing, generally at last week's rates. Only a small business has been done this week in Local Spinnings, and prices show a weak tendency, the Chinna market being very dull. The market closes quiet at the following official quotations:—

Twist	No.	6s Mule,	As.	3 2-4	to	4 3-8	per lb.
"	"	8s	"	3 7-8	"	4 1-2	"
"	"	10s	"	4	"	4 3-4	"
"	"	12s	"	4 1-4	"	5	"
"	"	16s	"	4 15-16	"	5 1-2	"
"	"	20s	"	5 3-16	"	5 3-4	"
"	"	24s	"	5 3-4	"	6 3-8	"
"	"	30s	"	6 1-2	"	7	"
"	"	40s	"	7 1-4	"	8	"

METALS have been quiet, and only a moderate amount of business has been reported. "Braziers' Copper" is 4as. higher, at Rs. 47; and "Yellow Metal" 2as. dearer, at Rs. 38-6 per cwt. "Welsh" and "Swedish Bars" are unchanged in value at Rs. 35 and 55 per candy, respectively.

COALS have continued a firm market, and a considerable business has been done during the week. A large line of "Powell's Duffryn" was placed, for January-April shipment, from Rs. 16 3-4 to 17 per ton. Sales were also reported of "Wallace's Methyr, January-February and February-March shipment at Rs. 16½ perton, and of *Davison's West Hartley*, January-February and February-March shipment, from Rs. 15¼ to 15¾ per ton. At closing sellers ask 8 annas more than the rates given below. In *Bengal*, excepting a few small lots of *Seelpore*, December shipment, which were sold at Rs. 13 to Rs. 13¼ per ton, there was not much doing either for near or forward shipment. We quote alongside:—

	Ready.	Forward.
Welsh Hartley	Nil	Nil
Wesh "	Nil	Rs. 16 per ton.
Australian	Nil	Nil
Powell's	Rs. 22 per ton	Rs. 17 "
Cardiff "	" 22 "	" 17 per ton.
Japan	Nil	Nil
Bengal	" 13 "	" 13 "
Stugarenl	Nil	Nil
Seelpore	" 13 "	" 13 "
Sanctoria	Nil	Nil
Deshagaut	" 13 3-4 "	" 13 3-4 "
Jardine's	" 13 "	" 13 "
Heliger's	" 13 "	" 13 "

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—Last week closed with a firm market, and prices Re. 1 to Re. 2 per candy higher; but with business in both directions upon a small scale. Since then a small to moderate amount of business has been reported, on about the basis of previous rates, the Mills having been the principal buyers, exporters having taken only a few hundred bales daily of ready Oomrawattee kinds and Bengals, while latterly, they have been quite out of the market. The purchases of local spinners have been a mixture of New Oomra descriptions now coming to market; but they have also taken a little old stuff in the shape of Oomra and Dholleras growths. This evening, the market closed quiet, with prices Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy lower. Very little has been done to-day by the Mills; and exporters are practically out of the market.

The receipts of Cotton of the new crop into Bombay during the past week, have been 16,800 bales, compared with 9,850 bales to hand in the week preceding, and 33,000 bales in the corresponding week last year; the arrivals of new Cotton this season to date now showing a falling off of 89,700 bales as against those last season for the same time.

Although picking is now general over the Oomrawattee circle the arrivals at the district marts are still small. The Broach crop continues to flourish, as do also the Dholleras and Bhownugger crops, the plants of which are in flower, more or less advanced, and the continuance of the seasonable weather announced by the official telegrams received on Monday from the districts gives promise of a favourable harvest all round.

The official telegraphic weather and crop reports received from the Cotton-growing districts yesterday continued to be of a favourable tenor, and left nothing to add to the advices reported in the preceding paragraph.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without commission, viz.:—

		Per lb. C. & F.	Per Candy.
Bengal, Fine	Rs.	1 2-2	15-16¼.
Do. do. January	"	1 2-2	31-32d.
Do. Fully Good	"	1 2-2	23-32d.
Do. do. January	"	1 2-2	4d.
Do Good	"	Nil	
Behars, Fine	"	1 3-3	1-16d.
Do. Fully Good	"	1 2-2	31-32d.
Khandesh, Fully Good	"	1 2-2	31-32d.
Comra, Fully Good	"	1 3-3	32d.
Dholleras, Fine	"	Nil	
Do. do. April-May	"	1 3-3	1-16d.
Do. Fully Good	"	Nil	
Do. do. April-May	"	1 3-3	32d.
Do. Good	"	Nil	
Do. do. April-May	"	1 2-3	3-32d.
S G Dharwar, Good	"	Nil	
Do. do. May	"	1 3-3	1-16d.
Westerns	"	Nil	
Do. do. May	"	1 3-3	1-16d.
Broach, Fine	"	Nil	
Do. do. March	"	1 2-1	16d.
Do. Good	"	Nil	
Do. do. March	"	1 2-3	3-32d.

The Arrivals of New Cotton into Bombay this season, as compared with last, are as follows:—

	Season. 1897-98. F. P. Bales.	Season. 1896-97. F. P. Bales.
Bengals	8,500	02,000
Berar	13,500	31,500
Khandeish	10,000	27,500
Hinguughat	800	1,500
	32,800	122,500

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparison with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1897. Bales.	1896. Bales.	1895. Bales
For the week	15,916	3,299	57,437
From 1st Jan. to 9th December	1,370,786	1,822,289	1,722,152
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week	4,256	3,603	10,233
From 1st Jan. to 9th December	420,313	73,3,533	676,766
Clearances to Calcutta, China, Japan, &c.			
For the week	573	1,409	600
From 1st Jan. to 9th December	431,361	329,193	158,780

WHEAT and SEEDS continue generally out of demand by shippers, and transactions remain upon a very small scale. Quotations for ready *Wheat* are nominally unchanged; but for ready *Seeds* we quote as follows:—

Gingelly, White	Rs.	8	0	0 per cwt.
Do. Mixed	"	7	8	0 "
Linseed (Old)	"	6	8	0 "
Rapeseed, Yellow Gujerat	"	7	12	0 "

The comparative Imports of Wheat and Seeds are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	43,444	34,095	42,516
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	1,791,237	3,838,630	4,703,215
Linseed for the week	35,931	7,338	9,820
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	541,872	3,439,567	2,592,865
Rapeseed for the week	8,807	5,852	6,049
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	1,849,339	1,363,017	2,091,670
Gingelly seed for the week	124,606	25,170	76,191
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	837,007	1,142,853	1,333,036

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	Cwts.	Cwts.	Cwts.
Wheat for the week	...	...	4,428
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	2,913	1,439,573	2,473,681
Linseed for the week	32,418	8,018	15,057
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	685,087	3,109,877	2,592,378
Rapeseed for the week	33,055	51,917	3,000
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	1,782,039	1,414,149	1,809,834
Gingellyseed for the week	44,805	10,103	16,903
Do. from 1st January to 9th Dec.	585,737	1,170,127	1,319,187

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 13th November 1897, on 167½ Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	2,830	10,300	10	14,110
Or per mile of Railway	20	73	—	93
For ... period 18 weeks of half-year.	45,633	1,84,655	1,833	2,33,171
Total for 19 weeks	68,453	1,95,985	1,843	2,66,281
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	4,132	8,176	70	12,389
Per mile of Ry. do.	20	53	..	83
Total to corresponding date do.	60,320	3,15,746	3,271	2,88,076
Increase for the week			Rs.	711
Decrease to date			"	21,795

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch, Rewari-Ferozepore and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)
Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 13th November 1897, on 1,577¾ Miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings [estimated.]	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,14,000	2,40,800	4,000	2,58,800
Or per mile of Railway	88	153	3	244
For previous 18 weeks of half-year.	21,58,326	23,70,142	1,05,036	50,33,444
Total for 19 weeks	22,84,326	26,10,142	1,12,036	59,56,444
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,35,007	1,90,707	5,227	3,31,421
Per mile of Ry. do.	81	113	4	198
Total to corresponding date do.	23,62,216	24,22,687	1,21,240	59,06,543
Increase for the week			Rs.	26,579
Ditto to date			"	70,902

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

(Open 1,491¼ Miles.)

The following is the Statement of Traffic for week ending 30th November, 1897:—

	Coaching Traffic.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings
	Receipts.	Receipts.		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total ...	12,52,743	3,80,181	5,103	4,18,027
Corresponding week last year.				
Open 1,476¾ miles.	—	—	—	5,36,087
Decrease				Rs. 1,17,955

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE KIAOCHAU QUESTION.

LONDON, DEC. 10.

The *Times'* Pekin correspondent states the Germany undertakes to evacuate Kiaochau on a date to be determined hereafter, provided she receives instead as a coaling station for her fleet Samsah, in the Fokien Province.

THE *TIMES* ON THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE EAST.

The *Times* in an article on the Kiaochau question says that German action in that quarter implies a redistribution of the balance of power in the East. It recalls the British rights by the Convention of 1846 to the group of islands at the mouth of the Yangtsze River, and adds that the time may come when Great Britain will have to claim them.

MUSSALMAN FERMENT IN ASIATIC RUSSIA.

Reuter wires from St. Petersburg the news of an alarming Mussalman ferment in the Russian Asiatic Provinces, and that a revolt is also feared in the Caucasus.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S ARMY PROGRAMME.

DEC. 9.

Lord Lansdowne in a speech at Edinburgh, to-day, sketched his Army programme.

He said that Great Britain required three Army Corps at home to repel invasion, with the ability to mobilise two for offensive operations abroad, the ability to despatch small bodies as required without mobilisation, and the ability punctually to supply India and the Colonies.

His Lordship said he hoped to increase each home battalion, with a view to securing a larger margin of seasoned soldiers. He proposed to regroup the Infantry on the basis of four battalions instead of two, and arrange to re-engage a small number of Reservists annually for extra pay to be in readiness in case of operations not justifying the calling out of the whole of the Reserve.

His Lordship further hoped to provide the soldier with a clear shilling a day, and also to enlist some for three years with the option of entering the Reserve and remaining with the colours.

His Lordship said he was determined that the Army should not be deficient in Artillery.

He paid a high tribute to the soldiers now serving on our Indian frontier in an exceptionally trying campaign, and deprecated accepting sensational stories of misconduct of regiments upon slender evidence.

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE STEAMER CLYDE.

The steamer Clyde was delayed, owing to her steering gear being damaged in a hurricane in the Gulf of Lyons.

THE RAILWAY STRIKE ABANDONED.

The strike of Railway employes has been abandoned.

THE MAILS.

SUEZ, DEC. 10.

The P. O. Company's s. s. Oriental, with the outward mails of the 3rd instant, left here, at 11 p.m., yesterday.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 10.

On return from leave of Lieutenant-Colonel Stowell, Assistant Adjutant-General, Deesa District, Major E. C. Bethune, now officiating in that appointment, will rejoin his regiment (16th Lancers) at Umballa. Major Bethune will travel on duty at the public expense.

The services of Captain Young, Royal Horse Artillery, are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bombay for temporary employment on the Personal Staff of H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

Captain Mallaby, Royal Engineers, officiated as Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Sir Galbraith, K.C.B., Commanding the Quetta District, in addition to his own duties, from the 16th June to the 31st October 1897, inclusive, no qualified officer being available for the duties of Aide-de-Camp.

Surgeon-Colonel Hughes, M.D., Army Medical Staff, having been appointed by the War Office to be Principal Medical Officer in the Bombay Command, in succession to Surgeon-Colonel Scott, whose tenure of appointment as Principal Medical Officer in Bombay Command will expire in December 1897, is posted to Quetta District.

The undermentioned officers have passed the examination laid down in para. 120, G. I. R. I., Vol. II. :—Lieutenants Leith, 6th Bombay Cavalry; Blair, 23rd Bombay Rifles; and Taylor, 124th Baluchis, Infantry.

Under instructions received from the War Office, it is notified that Major Buckley, on promotion to that rank from No. 18 Company Southern Division, R. A., has been posted to No. 21 Company of that Division. Major Anderson, 10th Field Battery, Royal Artillery, has been appointed to J. Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, vice Brevet-Colonel Wodehouse. Captain Sandys, on promotion to that rank from A Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, has been posted to No. 7 Company Southern Division, R. A. Lieutenant Barlow has been transferred from the 22nd to 39th F Battery, Royal Artillery.

The Principal Medical Officer, Bombay Command, will inspect certain barracks and hospitals in Sind and Quetta during the cold season. The inspection to be arranged by the Principal Medical Officers of the Districts in consultation with General Officers Commanding.

The undermentioned are reported to have passed the required examination in the following languages :—Urdu (High Standard)—Captain Legge, 20th Hussars. Pushtu (Lower Standard)—Surgeon-Lieutenant Smith. Pushtu (Higher Standard)—Assistant Surgeon (2nd Class) Wale.

Indian Subordinate Medical Department—The undermentioned officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of landing, the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—Captain Hodges, Wing Officer, 3rd Bombay Light Infantry, for one year (pension service nineteenth year commenced 22nd January 1897).

The undermentioned Warrant Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate :—Conductor Belling, Ordnance Department, for twelve months.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—Br. H. A. (L. Battery)—Major Hewat, 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India. Ordnance Department —Honorary Lieutenants and Deputy Assistant Commissary Steele, Superintendent, Office of Examiner of Ordnance Accounts, Bombay Command, one year, on medical certificate, out of India.

Indian Subordinate Medical Department—2nd Class Assistant Surgeon Vakeman, one month, on medical certificate, in extension of the leave granted in Command Order No. 489 of 1897.

THE PESTILENCE IN POONA.

There were 50 cases and 41 deaths recorded today, of which 6 occurred in the City, the total mortality being 43 ; in the Cantonment 15 cases and 6 deaths ; 2 cases and 1 death in the Subarban limits; and in the District 15 cases and 16 deaths.

In the General Plague Hospital 44 were admitted, 33 discharged cured, and 26 died ; in the Mahomedan Hospital 3 were admitted, one discharged cured, and 4 died ; in the Hindu 11 were admitted, one discharged cured, 7 died ; and in the Jew 2 were admitted.

40TH F. BATTERY.

The move of the 40th Field Battery from Ahmednager to the Hinjouri Camp Practice has been cancelled.

CALCUTTA COAL EXPORTS.

CALCUTTA, DEC. 10.

Exports of coal from Calcutta are expected to be no less than six lakhs of tons this year, much of it going to Bombay, where the depression in the export trade want reduced, a number of vessels are with coal from Home as ballast.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

The resignation of the Civil Service by Sir [illegible] Durand is gazetted from the 29th [illegible].

H. McIntosh is placed on special duty in the [illegible] and Agriculture Department.

Mr. Bruce is appointed Magistrate of Abu.

Mr. Irvin is appointed Revenue and Judicial Commissioner, Baluchistan, vice Mr. Williams, [illegible] Deputy Commissioner, Quetta ; Mr. [illegible] meanwhile officiating for Mr. Colvin [illegible] Agent in the Eastern States of [illegible].

Mr. [illegible] is posted as Political Agent in [illegible].

Captain [illegible] is posted as Political Officer [illegible] Khan.

THE TIRAH EXPEDITION.

THE OPERATING COLUMNS.

PUNISHING THE MALIKDINS.

SURRENDER OF THE MADDA KHEL MALIK.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 10.

A heliogram from General Lockhart's Camp north of the Singakha Pass, dated 5th, reports that as the Malikdin and Kambar Khels have brought in no rifles and paid only a very small portion of the fine, the destruction of all forts in Maidan Valley is being commenced.

The Mamuzai forts, on the other hand, have been spared, as this clan has completed their share of the fine, and not a shot was fired when the British Force marched through their country. General Hammond is improving the road up the Bara Valley by which he has advanced. At present it is far too bad for pushing up supplies when the force assembles at Barkai.

The Madda Khel Malik, Alambe Khan, has surrendered unconditionally to General Corrie-Bird.

The Head-quarters of General Hill's Column moved from Sadda to Parachinar.

The weather has now cleared in the Kurram.

THE MAIZAR AFFAIR.

TRIAL OF THE OFFENDERS.

ALLAHABAD, DEC. 10.

A telegram to the *Pioneer* states :—Another of the leading men in the Maizar affair has come in and surrendered himself unconditionally to Major, General Corrie-Bird. His name is Alambe, is cousin to Sadda Khan, and the leader of the opposing faction in the tribe. He has come in opportunely to be present at the trial which is proceeding daily, and sits about seven hours every day. A stage has been reached when the accused are putting forward a view of the situation and the treatment received prior to the outbreak, with their explanation as to how the outbreak came about, and what share each man took in it.

The Column under Major Campbell, Argyll Sutherland Highlanders, has returned a day or two ago, after visiting Sheranni and Maizar. They found the people engaged tilling fields and repairing damage done to their villages. The arms which were to have been brought in part payment of fine and were deficient on the last day of November, have since been brought in full, and the terms so far have been fully complied with.

CONCENTRATING AT BARKAI.

Camp Swaikot, 9th December.—The Column has been fully occupied to-day in making and clearing the road both towards Bara and Barkai, about the camp. Grass-cutters' parties have also been sent out, and the river is being bridged by the Sappers and Miners. The Camp is on a high plateau on the left bank of the river, is healthy and well situated. There was some firing last night, but no casualties occurred in camp. A convoy which left Bara at 6 a.m., this morning, got in at 1 p.m. Some rain fell yesterday, but the sky is clear, with fresh, cool breeze. Several mahseer have been caught by sportsmen. A Jirgah from Barkai came in to-day, but nothing of importance has transpired.

THE RINDERPEST.

LAHORE, DEC. 10.

Rinderpest still exists amongst bullocks at Kushalgarh and Kohat, but is being successfully dealt with by the Veterinary Staff.

Sir William Lockhart's return to Mardan by way of the Chingnkha Pass will give emphasis to his proclamation, issued some days ago, in which he informed the Afridis that he had no intention of leaving their country until the terms of the Government had been complied with. He added that the clans who continued to remain unsubmissive would be attacked in their quarters ; the only object in view in our troops leaving the highlands being to save them from cold and exposure. By this time the Division marching from Bagh to Dwatoi as the first step to making the turning movement down the Bara Valley. Small A big camp will be formed at Barkai eventually, whence columns can move in any direction as circumstances may dictate. The reoccupation of the Khyber will come in due course, and the Bazar Valley will be visited if the Zakka Khel persist in hostilities.

News received from the Kurram Valley states that Khostwals from Afghan territory have raided the Turi lands in Shelozan, carrying off seventeen hundred sheep, together with fifteen shepherds. Three of the shepherds who escaped gave information to the Kurram Militia, who pursued the raiders and attacked them near the border, recapturing 1,000 sheep and releasing all but one shepherd, who is still missing. The raiders carried off one rifle.—*Pioneer.*

H. E. THE VICEROY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 10.

His Excellency the Viceroy, with Colonel Durand, Military Secretary, Mr. Babington Smith, Private Secretary, Sir William Cunningham, Surgeon-Colonel Franklin, and Captain Baker Carr, A.-D.-C., arrived in Calcutta from Darjeeling this afternoon.

His Excellency was escorted from the station to Government House by the Body Guard and the Calcutta Light Horse, the usual salute being fired from the fort.

Lady Elgin and the Ladies Bruce accompanied his Excellency.

QUARANTINE AT MALTA.

It is notified that passengers from Bombay and Karachi will be subjected to eight days' quarantine at Malta after disinfection.

THE SAUGOR-KATNI LINE.

The general rules for working the open lines of Indian Railways have been made applicable to the Saugor-Katni extension of the Indian Midland Railway.

CROP PROSPECTS.

This week's crop reports emphasize the need of rain in the Deccan districts of Bombay, and in the Madras Presidency, the Circars and Madras Deccan, having so far received no rain whatever. Elsewhere throughout India the crop prospects continue excellent on the whole, though a good deal of damage has been done by locusts and blight in the Western and Northern Provinces.

The prices of more important food grains, except wheat, continue to fall, but have not yet reached anything like the normal condition.

Winter sowings have germinated well in the Central Provinces, though more than a lakh of people are still receiving gratuitous relief in this unhappy area. All other provinces combined now have less than thirty thousand people under relief amongst them.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PENANG, DEC. 9.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Vindobona, from Kobe, left for Bombay this evening.

HONGKONG, DEC. 10.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Peshawur (Extra), arrived here this morning.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Formosa (Extra) left here this morning for London direct.

SINGAPORE, DEC. 10.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Kaisar-i-Hind (Extra) left Singapore, for Bombay, on Tuesday last, 7th December.

The German East Africa Line steamer Safari, left Zanzibar, for Bombay, on the 10th instant, via Lamu and Mombassa.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 9.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed easier, Surats quiet.

Good Bhownuggur	2 23-32.
The Manchester Market has been quiet.	
2½ per cent. Consols	113 1-16
3 per cent. Rentes	104
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	117½
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	91
Bar Silver	23 7-8

The sum of about £50,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England for S. America.

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday, show the following results :—Total Bullion, £32,300,000 ; Decrease, £300,000 : Public Deposits, £7,000,000 ; Decrease, £400,000 : Other Deposits, £23,000,000 ; Decrease, £500,000 : Other Securities, £20,900,000 ; Decrease, £1,000,000 ; Notes and Gold, £31,900,000 ; Increase, £100,000. The Bank's Reserve is 50 per cent. of the Liabilities.

TABLE TALK.

(BY WALTER BESANT.)

LONDON, NOV. 28.

The life and adventures of Thomas, or William, or Elizabeth Russel—the Christian name admits of all these variations—belong mainly to the eighteenth century, a period which is popularly believed, thanks to Austin Dobson and Praed, to have been one of quiet, leisure, dignity, and peace. I used to think so once myself. I now know that it was the most turbulent, adventurous, riotous, eccentric age that the world has ever seen. Nothing was leisurely about the eighteenth century except its poetry. Gray is, in one sense, the true prophet of the century. His Elegy, for instance, represents not the reality but the aspiration of the age. The true turbulence of the century has no poet. Among minor adventurers—the unknown and obscure adventurers, of whom there were then so many—was Thomas, or William, or Elizabeth. He, destined to a long life of interesting lowliness, came of a lowly stock ; the smock frock was his father's uniform ; the clogs or pattens proclaimed his mother's station. Streatham was his birthplace ; Streatham Common was the haunt of his childhood. History says nothing of schools or schooling ; nor have we with the utmost diligence—that means reading a whole page of Lysons—succeeded in recovering any memories, traditions, or anecdotes of his youth and early manhood. History plunges at once, after the manner of the Anglo-Saxon chronicle, into the cardinal fact in the career of Thomas, or William, or Elizabeth. There was an Elizabeth in the family. She must have died young, for Thomas or William early in life assumed the habit and disguise of a woman ; called himself Elizabeth Russell ; and tramped the country with a pedlar's pack. I do not know the reason why he assumed this disguise. One may guess that some urgent necessity for retirement, or for concealment, had suddenly arisen. Perhaps, like Shakespeare, he had hunted the fallow deer ; perhaps it was only a farmer's pig. However, he had "done something"—perhaps something heroic ; but, indeed, we can but surmise. Henceforth he remained a woman. Sometimes he roamed about the country with the gipsies ; sometimes he tramped along the roads and lanes alone, going from village to village with his pack. Elizabeth Russell became Elizabeth Page, a widow ; her pack presently—as her investigations into simples gave her wider and deeper knowledge—contained a collection of herbs and powders and potions warranted to cure all diseases under the sun. Elizabeth Page, as the years went on, attained to a very considerable reputation as an itinerant herbalist. Remember that there was no general practitioner in the country—only the herbalist, the bone-setter, and the barber. She was known to be a deep drinker—that was common among ladies of her rank. She was fond of tobacco, which she took by way of a short pipe—this also was not uncommon with ladies ; she habitually wore a white kerchief round her head, concealing her chin—which, again, was not uncommon at that time with country women. Sometimes Elizabeth Page had with her a man whom she called her husband ; his business (and his joy) was to carry the healing pack, while Elizabeth tramped on before. Age fell upon her, but not infirmities ; she left off wandering and opened a shop in the village of Chipsted ; there, by the help of her medicines, she did very well, spending most of her earnings at the alehouse, where she treated all the villagers. She became a very ancient dame ; she reached a hundred ; nay, a hundred and four. In the last year of her life, drawn by a natural yearning after the old home, she returned to her native village—Elizabeth Page, who had been once Elizabeth Russell. As for William, or Thomas, he and his misdeeds, and the reason why he disappeared, and the sins of him and the memory of him—all were clean forgotten. Elizabeth asked after him of the Russells, her great grand-nephews, who remained at Streatham. No one had ever heard of William, or Thomas ; they supposed that he had gone off to the wars ; dead long since, no doubt. Elizabeth Page sighed—'twas her brother. Then the "Quality" of Streatham got to hear of this old, old, very old dame. They came to talk to her ; they were curious about her history. Mrs Thrale gave her the run of the kitchen ; Dr. Johnson talked with her, and found her a shrewd, well-informed old woman. And no one guessed or ever found out the secret. And at last she died. Perhaps the moral of this story is that if you want to live a hundred years you had better tramp about the country all the days of your life ; drink as much as you can swallow, and as often as the chance occurs ; cook strong tobacco, and be very careful to take none of the medicines which you sell. But, again, in the eighteenth century so many things were possible. A William, or a Thomas, of the present day, trying to pass as an Elizabeth, would be found out as they used to say, "before you could kiss" than a pig's whisper. Then he would be haled by a strong Headborough before an unrelenting Justice of the peace, who would convince him in that matter of the deer—or was it a pig ?—and send him up for trial. No ; it would no longer come off.

A wail comes across the Atlantic ; since a wail must have a medium, if it be only a telephone or phonograph, this wail has chosen the pages of the *Forum* for its medium. The writer, or the wailer, modestly hides his name. His subject is the unprincipled manner in which people hunt letters and request literary men to write him for long and weighty opinions on subjects about which he cannot reply offhand ; or they invite him to write at length on frivolous subjects ; or they invent—palpably invent—for the occasion questions which are absurd, as, for instance, to ask the imaginative genius of Homer and Louis Stevenson, or any other modern writer ; they ask the literary man's opinion as to a grammatical point ; as to what he thinks he will be doing in a day ; and so on, for what he gets. If they are editors, they get up a "symposium," which means that they pester a lot of literary people to give them "copy" for nothing. That they ask for autographs is, of course, expected. I may be said that a literary man has only to drop the letters in the basket. But, you see, I also do not ; he is flattered a little at the respect conveyed to him by these requests ; he is kindly by disposition—almost all literary folk who succeed are kindly ; he does not like to hurt people's feelings, and so he yields. Still, there must be a limit, a line to draw the line. When an unknown person consigns a bolster of MSS. to him, with a request that he will read it, taking about three days, and give an opinion, even the kindliest must turn. Rather than be driven to the wall of the *Forum*, and take it to heart.

Everybody knows Voltaire's description of our beloved country as a place in which there was only one sauce, but fifty different ways of getting to heaven. It is a pity that Voltaire could not have lived for another hundred years—I wish most sincerely that he had done so, if only that I might have gazed upon him. In that case he would have strengthened his statement about the many ways to heaven, so far as the colony of New South Wales is concerned. In that happy country, where thought is not shackled even by those rags and remnants of authority which survive here, there are, it is said, over a hundred Protestant sects. There are ten branches in Methodism to begin with ; there are nine of Baptists. Among those which do not "make Medela pie," as the dark gentleman of South Carolina called it, there are sects whose names excite the liveliest curiosity. What is a "Calathumpian"? What is a "Non-Intrusionist"? Can one hope to get into heaven by deprecating any desire to intrude ? What is a "Naziarite" Roman Catholic priest with scorn to this multiplicity of sects. For my own part, I take the fact of such a pleasing variety as a strong proof of activity of intellect. People who are quite free to think are certain to think a great deal about religion ; people who are not versed in Greek or Hebrew are quite certain to think wrongly on many points ; people who know no ecclesiastical history are quite certain to repeat one form of absurdity after another. Well, why not ? What, if it, provided freedom of thought is maintained ? One would rather be free to become a Non-Intrusionist than to accept the yoke of authority. Better the wildest impossibility than the chains of inflexible dogma.

Shall we ever recover the past so as to explain all the ruins ? The history of China, the history of Egypt pretend to go back one knows not how many thousand years. It has been proved that when Abraham went out of Ur he went out of a prosperous and flourishing city. When Joshua's warriors marched into Palestine they found, besides the people living there, monuments of the forgotten dead. There are ruined cities of a forgotten people in Central Africa. Central America is full of ruins which speak of a civilisation gone and forgotten long before the time of the Mexicans or the Peruvians. These things are wonderful exceeding. If we had any clue—the least clue—to the language of this people ; to their origin. But there is none. There is a town in Arizona, for instance, which must have been, the latest explorer says, as large as ancient Rome—that is, capable of containing inhabitants numbered by the million. Who were these citizens ? The museum of Washington possesses their skeletons. Learned persons will classify them as "dolichocephalic" or "brachycephalic ;" but this hardly helps us much. The questions that interest us more are those to which there is no answer. How did they live in this great city ? What was their form of government ? Why did their civilisation perish ? Why did they disappear so misteriously and so utterly ?

A friend of mine, a man of letters, whose name is best not mentioned, tells me of a strange outrage which has been practised upon him. He has been writing certain papers of considerable interest and importance for a syndicate, that is to say, a Bureau which furnishes the same articles to a ring of journals in various parts of the world. The editors or proprietors of these papers have been complaining to the syndicate about the abominable letters they have received from the writer of these articles. He threatens them with personal violence ; he abuses them rudely and roundly, and without the slightest cause. *All these letters are forged.* He has written no single letter either of abuse or with threats, or with complaints ; he has got nothing to complain of ; he bears no ill-will to any of the proprietors or editors concerned. Is all this a mere outrageous offence ? It is the second time that it has happened. My advice is that he should advertise a reward for the discovery of the offender. The advertisement would at least serve the purpose of warning editors that such a system of forgery is practised.

I am sorry to hear that there is to be a reprint of Matthew Arnold's "Friendship's Offering." Not that it is unworthy of being republished, but because the time has not yet arrived for its republication. The personalities which disfigure its pages were excused when the paper first appeared in the "Pall Mall Gazette," partly on the ground of the singular wit and the fine sword play which seemed to carry them off ; partly—which is not a good reason—because the persons concerned, Sala, Frederic Harrison, and others, were considered perfectly able to take care of themselves ; partly because this kind of personal attack was still thought worthy of a fine poet ; partly, perhaps, because the persons concerned occupied a larger share of public attention thirty years ago than they do now. For the name and memory of Sala as a journalist—latterly he was nothing else—I suppose that nobody now has any thought other than what is kindly. Is there any contempt felt towards him even by the most superior person ? I know of none. Certainly the younger generation cannot understand why Matthew Arnold selected him as a proper object for his superior contempt. Nor can the youthful world at all understand the allusions to Frederic Harrison, who still, happily, occupies a respected position among living men of letters. The older generation, it is true, remembers the joy with which those papers were read for their wit and their "superior-mindedness," and for the lively contempt for everything outside a tiny imaginary circle which filled the soul of the writer. One asks, now, in looking through the pages, whether they did in any way at all advance the cause which the poet advocated. The "Philistines and Barbarians" continued ; they still continue ; they will go on even though another Matthew Arnold—but there isn't another—were to write another "Friendship's Offering." For my own part, I do not believe that mere derision ever advanced any cause. It is presumable that Matthew Arnold did seriously desire the extension of sweetness and light. Was his method the right one ? I doubt it. The study of his poetry has done far more for the cause—a thousand times more—than that of "Friendship's Offering." If a man is derided personally and by name, he stiffens his upper lip and straightens his back ; he hits back, if he can ; there are few men, even of the most superior kind, who are not vulnerable somewhere. If a whole class is derided no man takes the derision to himself. Then, again, a Prophet of Culture, means scholarship, the company of scholars, cultivated taste, an artistic temperament, leisure for cultivation. How many people are there in the world who can possibly enjoy or attain to these possessions ? But the world—the uncultured world—looks for leading, and finds in the voice of authority. Let those whose duty and whose privilege it is to lead do so by teaching, not by a contempt whose splendid wit cannot conceal an angry snarl. It is, no doubt, a heresy to say what follows. But I believe that Walter Pater's books will teach ; which hold up as models lives full of fine thought and noble endeavour ; do more for the advance of culture—because they show what it means—than fifty books such as "Friendship's Offering."

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. India Captain W. D. G. Worcester, will sail to-day, for London and Brindisi with the English mail and following passengers :—

FOR LONDON.

Ahmed, Mrs C M
Bhuttyee, Mr D G
Baker, Mr P W
Bowman, Mr and Mrs Y
Boyd, Sister
Callaghan, Mr
Carlyle, Mr R W
Campbell, Lieut E G
Davison, Major and Mrs and 4 children
Dirwo, Ganput Rai, Mr
Elwin, Mr K B
Follows, Mr
Hiscs, Mr H J
Hare, Mr G G
Hutchins, Major H L
Harrison, Mrs
Kerin, Mr
MacLeod, Surg Capt J W
Maulon, Miss
Main, Mr W A
Nash, Mr
Narian, Mr
Preece, Mr P
Penney, Mr A A
Paddon-Mr H L
Richards, Mrs and Miss
Roche, Capt H J
Ramsay, Major H L
Rebeiro, Mr A H
Shea, Mr G
Smith, Mr
Sprague, Miss
Taylor, Mrs G A
Thorn, Mr
Thomas, Mr Joseph
Williams, Miss Sims
Wilson, Miss L G

The following passages have been engaged :—

Per s. s. Shannon, to Aden, 16th December.

For London—General and Mrs Jennings.

Per s. s. Caledonia, to London, 23rd December.

For London—Dr A Neve, Mr R C Bamford, Mrs F Hushington Taylor and 2 children, Mrs Tegart and child, Mr H B Bryant, Mrs Hombert and 2 children, and Mr H K Biggwither.

Per s. s. Carthage, to Aden, 1st January.

For London—Capt Shadwell.

THE FRENCH STEAMER.

THE following is a list of passengers on board the s. s. Varra, from Marseilles to Bombay, expected to arrive on Tuesday at day light :—

Abbott, Major
Ashton, Mr
Beaumont, Mrs
Braid, Miss
Bouvalet, Mr and Mrs
Cassie, Mr G G
Curzon, Mrs
Coleman, Mrs Isabelle
Dickson, Mrs
Ecker, Mr
Goodwin, Mrs Mary
Hunter, Mrs and Miss
Hemler, Mr
Mogleith, Col and Mrs
Mcfinnon, Mr and Mrs M F
Rayment, Mrs
Richards, Capt
Stayridi, Mr
Gurmuk Singh, Mr and Mrs
Womack, Mr and Mrs
Whittall, Capt F V
Ward, Capt
Zulfigar Ali Khan, Mr

ARRIVAL OF THE ANCHOR LINE STEAM-SHIP ARABIA.

The Anchor Line Steamer Arabia arrived at this port yesterday, (Friday) evening. The Arabia left Liverpool on the 3rd instant, 13 called at Gibraltar 1 a. m., Friday Nov. 19 ; arrived P. Said, noon Saturday Nov. 27 ; left Suez, 3 p. m. Sunday Nov. 28, and arrived Bombay 5-30 p. m. Friday December 10. The Arbia had strong south-westerly winds with a very heavy sea between Liverpool and Gibraltar. From Gibraltar to the Mediterranean, moderate breezes and pleasant weather in the Red Sea, and moderate N. E. Monsoon winds and fine weather in the Indian Ocean. She brought the following passengers :—

FOR PORT SAID.

Hunt, Rev J G and Mrs
Warrington, Miss J M

FOR ISMAILIA.

Daly, Mrs
Lucas, Mr A

FOR BOMBAY.

Anderson, Rev W and Mrs
Baker, Mr W T W
Barr, Rev J S and Mrs
Heyts, Mr C A
Cresswell, Mrs
Cresswell, Miss M
Cresswell, Miss E
Cresswell, Miss H
Cresswell, Miss G
Cresswell, Miss H
Cresswell, Miss A
Cresswell, Master John
Dixon, Miss L G
Hall, Miss
Howell, Mrs
Kilby, W Mr
McGlure, Rev R R and Mrs
Scott Miss A
Whitton, D Mr
Whitton, Miss
Whitton, Miss C
Wilson, Miss E T
Young, Miss S A

POONA PLAGUE WORK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—There is rather a misleading para. in your leader on plague matters at Poona. It states that Colonel Creagh and Surgeon-Major Read have been appointed to seats on the Plague Committee, and that it is understood that their special task is to organize a system to combat the plague. Honour to whom honour is due. They were appointed to assist in carrying out the system elaborated by Mr. Wingate, special Plague Commissioner, the same which he used with such signal success in Sind last cold season.—Yours, &c.,

WHITEWASH.

Dec. 10.

THE Dreyfus-Esterhazy affair leaves no room in the papers for the feuilleton novels. To tell the truth, observes a Paris correspondent, it interests for the hour more than any romance. The mysterious lady of the Cour-la-Reine gives it feminine interest, and then there is the Countess d'Esterhazy to lend a petticoat-Vaubreedurt, belonging to one of the oldest families of Lorraine, and a really beautiful and distinguished person. She dresses to perfection, though her attire for the present is of sober black. The newspaper portraits of her that are now flying through France must heighten interest. Her countenance is soft and sympathetic, her auburn hair is slightly waved, her complexion is of that pale yellowish tinge known as "mat," the tinge of old ivory, and very lovely. Her peculiar beauty is a compound of grace and sweetness. In short, she is worthy to figure, in a speech of Edmund Barke, side by side with Marie Antoinette. The pens of all the journalists she has seen are ready to do battle for her.

THE "Jewish Chronicle," referring to the statement in the "Court Circular" that the opening voluntary at the memorial service for the late Duchess of Teck, which her Majesty the Queen attended, was a "Hebrew Melody—Memorial of the Departed," says : This melody was the beautiful and pathetic chant sometimes known as the "Chant of the Dead," which in many parts of Germany and Poland is sung by the Cohanim during the "Duchan" on the last days of the festivals, when the "Memorial of the Departed" is recited. The voluntary was played from the volume of "Hebrew Melodies" arranged by Professor Pauer, with the co-operation of the Rev. Francis Cohen, and published by Messrs. Augener. These examples of the "Chazonuth" appear to have appealed to her Majesty's well-known musical acumen, as we learn that during the Queens stay at Balmoral this autumn some seven or eight numbers of the same compilation have been played by the organist at her Majesty's private chapel in Balmoral Castle.

THE COTTON MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AT SHANGHAI.

So much has been said of late concerning the extent to which our yarn trade with China is being affected, and is likely to be affected by the growth of the mill industry in Shanghai, that some particulars concerning the present position of the industry supplied us by a well-known Bombay manufacturer will prove of great interest to readers interested in the commerce of Bombay. In Shanghai itself there are nine mills working at present, and six more at several places in the interior. The total number of spindles used in these fifteen mills is 304,240, whereas there will be 467,000 when all the mills are working full power. The accompanying statement will show the number of spindles at work now and the number when fully furnished :—

Names of Mills in Shanghai.	No. of Spindles at present at work.	No. of Spindles already at work.
The Ewo Cotton Spg and Wg Co, Ld	50,000	25,000
The Lao Kung Mows Spg and Wg Co, Ld.	24,000	9,240
The International Cotton Mfg Co, Ld	40,000	40,000
Soi Chee Cotton Mfg Co, Ld	40,000	20,000
Wha Sui Cheong Cotton Cloth and Yarn Co	65,000	63,000
Ta sou Cheong Cotton Cloth and Yarn Co.	25,000	24,000
Chankee Cotton Mill	15,000	13,000
Chinese New Cotton Spg Co	15,000	15,000
Yue Yuen Cotton Mill	42,000	24,000
Total	317,000	234,240

Name of Mills in the Interior.

Hupeh Government Cotton Mill	30,000	30,000
Woo Cheong Cotton Mill	30,000	7,000
Soochow Cotton Mill	36,000	
Woosee Cotton Mill	10,000	10,000
Ningchou Cotton Mill	10,000	
Tung Kang Moon Mill	10,044	10,000
Total	149,000	70,000

The Ewo Mill proposes to add 50,000 more spindles to 50,000 already projected, thus making a total of 100,000. Four of these mills are under foreign management, while the rest are managed by the Chinese themselves.

In the Ewo Mill, 25,000 of the spindles work day and night by means of two shifts, and still the management find it difficult to meet the heavy demand for their yarn. For working 100,000 spindles, the promoters estimate an outlay of 2,250,000 taels on building and machinery. The directors of this mill have at their last meeting proposed to declare a dividend of four per cent. for the current year. Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., the agents, charge 1½ per cent. commission on erection, but after 50,000 more spindles have been added to those already working, they have agreed to reduce their commission by three-quarter per cent., on condition that 5,000 additional shares of the value of 100 taels each, proposed to be issued to meet the extension, are all taken up. The International Mill works night and day with 40,000 spindles. Its directors have, at their last meeting, declared a dividend of 24 per cent. for 6 months.

Most of the mills in Shanghai use Chinese cotton. As an experiment, for a short time, some of the mills had trials with cotton mixed with Chinese, but not finding it advantageous they had to go back again to the pure Chinese variety. In colour, Chinese cotton is equal to any of the Indian varieties, and resembles more our Surat descriptions, while the staple is shorter. Most of the mills spin from 10's. to 16's. No mill in China now uses Indian cotton. The Chinese prefer yarn produced in their own country to that imported from India and Japan, because the former is quite free from dirt and mixture, which is a colour used by Japanese. The demand for home spun yarn is so great that millowners, in spite of working their mills night and day, are unable to meet it. Chinese yarn fetches 2 to 3 taels more than Indian yarn. In Shanghai women get 30 cents of a dollar a day, but the demand for work-people is so great, that all the mills are not fully supplied. The people are conservative and unaccustomed to millwork. For want of sufficient hands the mills have to be stopped running at night. It is fully expected, however, that very soon a sufficient number will be trained. Most of the mills use Japanese coal. But of late, Japanese coal having considerably risen in price, Messrs. Mitsu Busan Kaisha are importing Australian coal, which is relatively cheaper.

Only two mills in Shanghai manufacture cloth. One has got 750 looms, out of which only 70 are working, and the other works with 200. They both produce shirtings and drills ; but of late, America having imported a large stock of these, the demand for home-made cloth has decreased, and the mills have almost stopped manufacturing cloth. At first, it was the intention of the Chinese Government to levy an excise duty of 10 per cent. on yarn and cloth produced by mills under foreign management, but the idea was abandoned at the representation of the Foreign Ministers to the Chinese Government. The foreigners pointed out that it would be a great hardship to them if they were obliged to compete under such discouraging circumstances with yarn imported from Japan and India. They further represented that this protective duty would drive the trade of China to foreign ports without doing any good to the country. This had the desired effect, and the Chinese Government have now equalised the duty levied on imported yarn and cloth, and the same manufactured in China.

Most of the mills are built near the coast of the river Yanj-tsze Poo. The Chinese Government propose extending their railway line as far as Soochow and Woocheong, and from the latter place a new branch will run through the centre of the present settlement as far as Nankiu Road to the city itself. Thus, the railway project will greatly facilitate intercourse between factories situated on the line through which the railway will run and foreign countries.

ARRIVAL OF THE TRANSPORT NUBIA.

THE Indian Troop Service Transport Nubia, Captain G. C. Henning, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Southampton, which she left on the 18th November, and called at Gibraltar on the 22nd, Port Said on the 29th, and Suez on the 30th. She has brought the Headquarters, 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers for Sabashu, from Gibraltar, and drafts from Southampton, consisting of 17 officers, 8 ladies, 10 children, 179 Warrant officers, 11 women, 17 children, 1,193 Non-Commissioned officers and men, 44 women, and 70 children. Private J. Brown, of the 1st Bn. South Wales Borderers, died on the 4th instant, of enteric fever, and was buried at sea. There were two cases of measles amongst the children. The necessary precautions were taken and the patients were kept isolated on board. Yesterday, the patients were landed at the Sassoon Dock and were at once sent to the hospital for treatment. On the 7th December, in lat. 16° 00' N., long. 39° 25' E. the vessel passed the Anchor Line s.s. Arabia, which wished to be reported all well and was steering easterly. The following is the list of officers :—

FROM SOUTHAMPTON TO BOMBAY.

Lieut Col W Kenyon-Stancy, 3rd Rifle Brigade
Major R Manwell, R E
Capt E Simms-Stanley, 16th Lancers
Capt E Margesson, 1st Norfolk Regt
Lieut J Richfield, Comt Dept
Lieut and Mrs J Gosselin, 18th Hussars
Lieut J Pollock, 1st R Highlanders,
Lieut G Swiney, 20th Hussars
Lieut R Walsh, 1st R Scots Fus
2nd Lieut R M Yorke, 11th H

hair wandering home. They are in some degree ble to repay his kindness by an ever-ready sympathy, for he, too, unsuccessful actor though he is, has a grief. Long and silently has he nourished a hopeless affection for a celebrated actress, who years before rejected his affection to accept the hand of a rich nobleman. When, later, she seeks a divorce from him in consequence of his flagrant misconduct, she fails to gain it through some legal technicality, and the burden of his suppressed love becomes almost unbearable to Macneillie. He is tempted to act as if the law was a mistake, and to relax his own heroic self-control. But higher thoughts prevail, and he leads to the end his lonely life, since virtue so obtains it. It is then that the society of Ralph and his bright wife are invaluable to him. Edna Lyall draws a charming picture of the high aims actuating of the best lights of the stage.

A new edition of W. B. Rand's Lilliput Lectures, and Lazy Lees on and Essays on Conduct (James Bowden, 10, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London) is a welcome addition to books for the young at this season. The writer, who has been well named "The Laureate of the Nursery," devoted his high literary gifts almost entirely to the young. He had the rare art of talking to children in a vein that never failed to interest and inform without wearying, he hated goody-goody platitudes quite as much, if not with as rude out-spokenness, as the average schoolboy. "The Lazy Lessons" are short and desultory, given without effort, and at the same time interesting to a degree. The author points out as he goes along all that is worthy of attention, and attracts the child to think of it without being conscious that such a thing as a lesson is intended. He learns by degrees that there is not such an incomprehensible mystery in the lore that lies on the heights of fourth, fifth, and sixth forms; that it can all be grasped in its own time as easily as learning to read the clock. The "Essays on Conduct" lay down the broad rule that duty is a necessity to which it is best to bow at once, and that everyone else has as good a right to enjoyment and success as oneself. They are written in such a strain that they cannot hurt the special convictions of any one. That right is right, and wrong is wrong admits but of one reading, and in a book of this nature more cannot well be attempted. Each little reader is taught without doctrinal directly the why and wherefore of wrong and right. An essay, even a Lilliput one, on Government would at first sight seem too overwhelming to be attempted with a child. But when a child of ordinary intelligence has read that chapter, he will understand why Government exists and how even he has to do with it. In the Lecture on Character—that abstract expression including so much—distinctions are drawn which at once make it easy for the child to see the points of character that are strong and good, or weak and evil. The author, though he says that it is very difficult to make quite clear, succeeds:

"You will understand," he says to his young readers, "better when you are older and know more of a man's disposition may be good or bad just according to what another part of his disposition is. For instance, if there were no men born who were prone to be very angry indeed, and make up their minds quite hard, we should have nobody to put wicked things out of the way and keep down wicked people. But then, if a man is of an angry disposition, and yet at the same time does not think of what is fair and kind and right to others besides himself, we call him cruel. And I put this cruel man first among bad people, because all men and women think nothing is so bad as to be fond of making others suffer pain."

The lessons on History and Geography, on Chemistry, on Reading, and the Essays on Helpfulness, on Having a Strong Will, on Fair Play, on Telling the Truth, and on many other kindred subjects are as simple and as straight as they can be made. They do not encourage the subjective, self-examining sort of priggishness which is too often mistaken for healthy, moral development in sentimental children. They help to develop the moral intelligence instead.

Police Potbi and Prosecution and Evidence by Rao Saheb Pranshankar Tribobashankar (Education Society's Press, Byculla), who is himself a police inspector in the town of Broach, are two handbooks for the police which deal with the sections of the law, most frequently transgressed by the ordinary criminal. The information contained in "Police Pothi" is intended for the lower grades of the Force who have not at hand the books giving legal knowledge of the kind required in their everyday work, and who cannot be expected to carry the whole Law Code in their heads. The information is divided into six sections—the Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure, the Evidence Act, the Police Acts, Miscellaneous Matters, and another giving details with regard to extradition, gambling, vagrancy, lunatics, cattle-trespass, arms, and railway Acts. Where necessary the law is quoted at length, and the whole is set forth in question and answer in a convenient form for every-day reference. The miscellaneous chapter contains many house truths. For instance, the answer to the question "What should a police officer remember when he is on round-duty?" explains the whole duty of a wide-awake policeman:—

He must bear in mind that the most convenient time for committing crime is after midnight, and up about 4 o'clock a.m. He must move about actively in his limits without causing any noise, avail of his footsteps. He must take care to select points in his beat, from where the thieves would or are likely to pass, and must watch those unnoticed; as, for instance, by concealing himself on a verandah, behind a tree, etc. In case of any sound, such as of breaking open something or digging a wall, etc., he must quickly proceed towards the direction, and find out what it was due to.

These lines ought to be studied, and occasionally acted upon, by the everyday policeman. His more usual attitude is one of bored indifference to the acts both of thief and honest man. In the burglar's "convenient" time we fear that the detailed guardian of the peace is having for the most part a little harmless snooze, perhaps indeed in the place advised as suitable for watching, in a convenient verandah or behind a tree. However, in the book he sees what he ought to do, and perhaps he will learn to do it. In the other handbook, Prosecution and Evidence, many important suggestions are given with regard to the intelligent preparation of evidence in criminal cases. The suggestions are based on experience and are therefore practical and of immediate value. Simple rules and instructions are given as to how inquiries should be made in cognizable cases, remembering that a knowledge of criminals' ways is often quite as necessary as a knowledge of the law. With regard to the making of false complaints the compiler observes that clever people make all previous arrangements, so that the appearances are thoroughly realistic, and unless the police officer is very careful and searching inner enquiries, he is thrown off the scent, and migh take immense trouble and waste his time and energy after a thing that never happened.

"Experienced policeman have seen startling cases of this nature, in which the only sons of wealthy fathers or the dear wives of loving husbands, had stolen property which was their own, and were yet complainants."

Police officers are warned that even in cases in which the accused has made a confession, it is fully to rely on it, and evidence must be got together just as carefully as if there was no confession, so unstable are the ways of the criminal mind. With reference to bribery cases and the difficulty of getting direct evidence from a witness, the Rao Saheb says, that though it is often urged that no one would take money in the presence of a witness, experience has shown that it is a question of the courage of the receiver, so he does not despair of gaining such evidence. In his advice to the Court he says, among other things, that it is the policy of some people to say something to the Court to bias it against the police, and he warns the prosecutor to see that this is not done. If the accused complain that they have been ill-treated by the police

"This is nothing but their weakness, and policemen should not get nervous at such complaints. They should be quite prepared for such misrepresentations and perversions of facts."

These two books should be of considerable assistance to the zealous police officer.

A very useful publication has been compiled by Nowroji J. Bulsara, called "A Guide to Indian Securities, Stocks, and Currency Notes" (84, C wasji Patel Street, Fort, or *Bombay Gazette* Office) It gives the chief sections of the Indian Securities Act of 1896, with the latest rules affecting the holders of securities, such as the rights of survivors of joint payees, the transfer and discharge of certificates and coupons, issue of renewed and duplicate securities, the period when Government ceases to be liable for original securities, and many other points in the Act necessary to be kept in mind by the holder of Government paper. Besides these introductory items of information, this pamphlet gives the latest regulations of the Civil Account Code, including rules for the payment of interest on Government of India paper to individual or joint holders, the method of recording payment, of endorsement to new owners, what to do in case of death, or of marriage, how notes are to be renewed, converted, or consolidated, circumstances under which a power of attorney is necessary, and how to draw up, stamp, and register it, what to do in case of loss of a certificate, the cost of advertisement of same in the *Gazette of India*, and all procedures necessary in such a case. Mr. N. J. Bulsara has carefully collected information for the benefit of inexperienced holders of notes of all kinds, on the nature of the security held, whether Government Promissory Note or Stock Certificate, and the advantages of one or the other form of investment. The last chapter will be of interest to a wide circle of readers, giving as it does the procedure in case of loss of currency notes, half or entire, of defacement, etc., the extent of Government liability in regard to lost notes, with forms of application to be filled up and forwarded to the Currency or other office. The book is eminently useful, and should save many people from erring through ignorance of the best method of investing their savings. It will show them what to do in every eventuality connected with the holding of Government securities of any nature. The price, 12 annas, places it within the reach of all.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Colaba and Fort	0	0	6
B Mandvi, Umarkhadi, & Dongri	6a	2	32
C Market and Dhobie Talao	3	0	30
D Girgaum	0	1	19
E Kamathipura and Byculla	5	2	24
F Parel and Sion	0	0	4
G Mahim and Worlee	1	0	2
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	8	18
Total	15	13	136
Total plague deaths to date..	13,695	11,448	
Same date last year ..	49	41	190
Total mortality same date 1896 ..	...	...	88

a One from Cutch Mandvie (15 days).

CHOLERA.

Attack	0
Death	0

MEDICAL OFFICERS' REPORTS.

From these reports it appears that seven cases of bubonic fever were discovered from the various localities in the Mandvie ward. Four cases of suspicious fever and four of simple fever were also reported from the same district. Three medical officers inspected 155 houses and eight chawls in D ward. The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Fulton went round with Dr. K. B. Shroff and Mr. Velinker, and examined 46 houses in Chowpatty section, but no case was discovered. Two plague cases were recorded in the Market section, and another in Bhuleshwar section. No case was reported from any other ward.

QUARANTINE CAMPS.

There were, yesterday, detained under quarantine 1,435 persons in the Modikhana Camp; 795 in the Wari Bunder Camp; and 253 in the Narelwady Camp.

HOSPITAL RETURNS.

The number of patients remaining under treatment in the various plague hospitals, yesterday, was as under:—Arthur Road, 64; Parel Government House, 46; Grant Road, 16; Jain (Bhuleshwar), 12; Hindu Fever, 10; Dariasthan, 8; Jain (Parel), 7; Julai, 6; Telugu, 5; Adamji Peerbhoy, 4; Nizampoora, 3; and Don Tod, 2.

PLAGUE AT GORAI.

It is reported from Gorai that, on Wednesday last, the widow of Jacinthe Henriques died of fever, believed to be of bubonic type. Some time after that, a daughter and grand-daughter of the deceased caught the infection and were carried off. The village of Gorai, in Salsette, had hitherto been free of plague, and since these cases occurred the inhabitants have been greatly alarmed.

INFLUX AND EXODUS.

During the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, the number of persons who left Bombay and entered the city by sea and land was as follows:—Arrivals by sea, 1,043; by land through Mahim and Sion Causeways 3,577, making a total of 5,200 persons. Departures by sea 883, and by land through Mahim and Sion Causeways 3,930, making a total of 4,813 persons.

PRECAUTIONS UP-COUNTRY.

The following notification has been issued by the Government of India:—"Whereas the Governor-General-in-Council is satisfied that there is a danger of an outbreak of epidemic disease (Plague Act of 1897), the Governor-General-in-Council is pleased to direct that no tickets to travel by railway to Trichinopoly and the adjacent stations of Tiruvalikeni and Elamanur shall be sold from the 10th day of December until the 24th day of December 1897 to any native travelling within the Presidency (including Sind), the North-Western Provinces and Oudh the Punjab, the Central Provinces, the Rajputana and Central India Agencies, the Hyderabad State and the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, to any pilgrim or other person intending, or believed to be intending, to attend the Valkunta Ekadasi Festival.

THE BOMBAY DISTRICT POLICE ACT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—A short Bill, No. III. of 1897, is about to be introduced into the Bombay Legislative Council for amending the Bombay District Police Act, 1890. Section 30 of the Act, now in force, limits the liability to contribute to the cost of additional police quarters in any local area which is declared to be in a disturbed or dangerous state only to all the inhabitants generally, or to a particular community of the inhabitants of the locality. It is now proposed to extend this liability to non-resident land-holders, because, it is said, that their property receives protection from the State while they are away from their homes. The reason has, I consider, only a plausible weight, but the question remains whether what they pay in shape of ordinary taxes, which are undoubtedly high enough, is not sufficient to ensure the ordinary protection from the State. The necessity, if any, of quartering extra police in a locality arises from the active or passive or wilful omissions of the residents of the place and not from lands or premises owned or held by absentee landholders; and consequently any taxation on account of extra police can-ot, in my opinion, fairly be correct upon those absentee landlords unless they are found directly or indirectly to aid or instigate persons in creating a disturbance which may lead Government to employ a punitive police. I think the proposal, as it now stands, if carried out, will result in considerable hardships upon innocent persons. I am of opinion, therefore, that this matter calls for a careful reconsideration. Another objectionable feature of the Bill under consideration is that it proposes to empower Government to extend, from time to time, the period for making payments of the extra police after the period of their actual employment is over. This, no doubt, is a convenient way of recovering the money from defaulters, but how long is the liability to last? Surely, there must be, as you have already observed, a stage where it ought to cease. In my opinion it ought to cease when the necessity for continuing the employment of the police ends; precautionary measure be taken, if necessary, to recover the outstanding balances, if any, from the persons charged with the cost before the period originally fixed for employing the police expires. The instalment system, however convenient it may be to the Government as well as the people, is open to many objections which the Select Committee that may be appointed to consider the measure in detail.—Yours, &c.,

Ratnagiri, Dec. 6. P. R. DESAI.

THE GERMAN AND THE IRISH WOMAN.

At the Shoreditch County Court, before Judge French, Q.C., Mary Shannon, an Irishwoman, was sued by a German named Kaufmann, for £5. 3s. 3d. for arrears of rent. The defendant counterclaimed for £12 for goods detained by the plaintiff when she moved away from his house.

The plaintiff—Vby don't you pay me vat you owes me?

The defendant—How can ye expect me to pay ye when it's kaping me boxes ye are? (Laughter.) The plaintiff—I gongluded all mine engagements with you, and as you vas keeping all mi stuff back, I vas gooing all your things. (Loud laughter.)

The defendant—Indeed, and isn't it bad luck I was having, and how could I pay ye? The plaintiff—Zen I keep zo things.

His Honour (to the defendant)—Do you owe the rent?—Faith, and I do; but it was divil a cint I was able to earn to pay the rint with. (Laughter.)

His Honour—Well, you must pay. I will give judgment for the plaintiff for £5, 3s. 3d. (To the plaintiff)—You must give up the goods to this lady, as she is entitled to them.

The plaintiff I haf only schtopped ze goods until she pay me vat she owes for ze rent. (Laughter.)

His Honour—But you must not detain them; you must give them up. (Plaintiff—goove zem up ven she owes me all zis money?

His Honour—Certainly. It may be unfortunate for you, but you must obey the law. Plaintiff—Vel zen, is zee law it does vont alteration var much. (Loud laughter.)

His Honour—I cannot help that; you must not detain them.

The defendant—Shure, and that is what the Magistrate said—Mr. Lane, at North London Police Court—I'm sure. (Laughter.)

The plaintiff—I vill goove zem up to her ven she pay me ze moneys for zis rent.

His Honour—Oh, no, you must give them up now. Plaintiff—Zat is all right, I see now you have gooven me the judgment.

But you have'n got the money. (Loud laughter.) Plaintiff—Zat vas so, but she gooves me no money and I goove her zo goods.

What are the goods?—Zare are var few things zat belong to her.

The defendant—Hivin' rist me sowl, but there are boxes and boxes of things.

His Honour (to the plaintiff) You must give the things up at once and get the money afterwards as best you can. (To the defendant)—How can you pay?—Six shillin' a month is ivery cent. (Loud laughter.)

Then I will make an order for the payment of 6s. a month for the 2s. 3d., and you must deliver the goods up to her at once.—Before I gets ze money?

His Honour—Certainly. (Laughter.)—Mein Gott! vot shall I pe doing next? (Loud laughter.)

Dinah Salamon, a lion of the Exhibition of 1889, died at Senegal on the eve of M. Lebon's arrival. He was known that year as "Le Roi Dinah." It was hard for the poor fellow to find himself a prisoner at the end of his holiday season. Why he was so treated still remains a mystery. He was sent to an island on the West African Coast and then to St. Louis, where he was kept in the fortress, but was never allowed to go back to his country. The pension at first allowed to this tropical monarch dwindled down almost to nothing. The last sign of life he gave was in a petition to the Senate in which he set forth his wretched condition, and declared his loyalty to France. He had hoped that M. Lebon's heart might be moved, but that Minister before setting out for Senegal refused to grant him an audience.

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Major F. J. D. Lugard, C.B., D.S.O., who leaves England to take command of an important force operating in the hinterland of the Niger, had a fine career in East Africa before moving to the west of the continent, where he has spent the last three or four years. Invalided home in 1897, as a result of overwork and climatic unpleasantness in Burma, Lugard selected the Equator as a suitable sanatorium. After passing in review Emin Pasha, H. M. Stanley, and the commander of an Italian expedition then on its way to Abyssinia, these three at the time dividing the interior between them, Lugard eventually set out as a freelance in the direction of the sources of the Nile. On his way he offered his services to the African Lakes Company, asking for employment in the campaign against the slave-raiders. The factor led him to Uganda, where he remained some years, schooling, chiding, and chastising its turbulent ruler in turn, and ultimately emerging with a train of bearers behind him, who carried on their backs the manuscript notes from which their chief presently evolved one of the finest volumes on Equatoria which has ever seen the light. By his indomitable pluck, energy, and patience he obtained an ascendency, such as men of his type alone can acquire, over the mind of the vacillating and capricious potentate who swayed the destinies of Uganda. Having made himself a power in the State, he taught the inhabitants the meaning of the words justice, right, and reason, convinced them that perpetual warfare was not a necessity of existence, and prepared them for that gradual absorption into civilisation which has gone on steadily from his day to the present day.

Major Lugard is a nephew of Sir Edward of that ilk, who from the beginning of the reign, and until his burden of years and honours gave him a right to retire, did his country such good service in India and at the War Office. His grandfather was Adjutant at the Duke of York's School for fifty years, and his father did duty for some decades as army chaplain in Madras. He was educated at Rossall, where his comrades consented to condone his offences of industry and intellectual success in consideration of his prowess at football. A year after he entered the Army he had the good luck to come in for active service in Afghanistan, and the bad luck to miss joining in General Roberts's march to Kandahar; his regiment, the 9th Norfolk, having been pronounced "too sick" to go, was sent back to India. Here he became a good shot, which accomplishment came in useful in Africa later on, where his gun had frequently to find food for a train numbering a couple of thousand men. How he went for elephant, lion, hippo, buffalo, crocodile, giraffe, zebra, and all possible manner of deer, those who wish to know may read in his book, and very exciting reading it is. Even those who peruse volumes for the sake of being "exhilarated and not elevated" might find it worth their while to turn over the pages of Lugard's adventures. The writer has not confined to Africa only. He has contrived to introduce plenty of variety into his life, and incidentally touches on the expedition to the ruby mines in Burma, when he undertook the transport duties; describes the dire experience of being lost in a bamboo forest; expatiates certain tussles with wild beasts in India; and does not disdain to tell of one night out of many which he spent with the London Fire Brigade.

The points which strike one about this man, who has well earned the title of Assistant Empire-maker, is that he sees the goal to be attained so plainly straight for it, and whether the stage he occupies be a wide or a narrow one, he shows himself to be resolute, single-minded, and of strong character. Feared as a stern rule, loved sometimes, admired and respected always, he was the man for the work that had to be done, and a hundred pages might be cited to show that this natural austerity of his nature is so tempered by kindliness that the welfare of those children of the desert, the denizens of Central Africa, is irresponsible, mutable, and unstable as the dusts of their own deserts, yet not altogether unlovable as he describes them to us, was present by the hands.

It was Lugard's wish to remain permanently in East Africa, but the Colonial Office decided that, exceptional as he had proved himself as an administrator and marshal to a savage King and Court, he was yet more indispensable as a pioneer. The late Sir Gerald Portal was, therefore, despatched to continue the young officer's work, and the latter was sent to the Niger. There, after the manner of his kind in the Empire-making, he fulfilled his mission as Assistant Empire-maker, labouring silently, incessantly, assiduously in the service of the State, while his very existence was forgotten for a time by all but the Government offices and their pigeon-holes. Then came the day when the country at large learned that a certain wide section of a vague hinterland had by some subtle process been transformed into a well-defined and sharply-bounded province, and the information was for some representative hand to root out the tiny tentative streamers that had been set up in different directions, and plant the great imperial banner in the midst of the said provinces in their stead.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

THE REVOLT OF THE BARONETS.

WHAT THEY WANT.

A preliminary meeting of the Baronets' Committee held at the Bristol Hotel, Piccadilly, was attended by those gentlemen who are taking a leading part in the commencement for the organisation of the movement. Those who were present, or who had written expressing sympathy with the movement and regret for their inability to attend, were all whites remained creation or lineage. Sir Lambton Loraine was unanimously voted to the chair. Resolutions were passed stating the movement had for its primary aim the suppression of that unauthorised assumption of the articles which has long constituted a public scandal, and for its secondary object the maintenance in their integrity of the privileges and precedence of the order. It is proposed to attain these objects by inviting them to join this movement, which has already received considerable support, and is the only one originating from the baronets themselves.

The programme of the new movement is comprised in the following statement of the objects aimed at:—

To the Baronets of England, Ireland, Scotland, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom.

We, the above-mentioned peer-baronets and baronets, members of the "Associated Order of Baronets," being of opinion that on occasion has now arrived when suitable preliminary steps should be taken with a view to establish and maintain the privileges of the order, to invite as many other baronets as possible to join in the aims as here summarised, do—

(1) To revive the Royal Warrant of Dec. 3, 1783, in so far as it ordained that baronets on succeeding to their title should establish their descent from the last recorded ancestor, so as gradually to eliminate the pretenders, the soi-disant baronets, from further official recognition.

(2) To vary the recent precedency order so as to apply only to baronets created since the date of the order, or since the accession of William IV. So revive the use of the ancient style of "Honourable."

(3) To assign to the baronetage, like other orders below that peerage, with the sole exception of the collar, collet, and badge, the last-named having been originally provided for the Nova Scotia baronets by warrant from James I., dated Nov. 17, 1629.

(4) That on the death of each baronet his insignia be returned by his executors (as is the case with the orders of knighthood) to the Crown, to be handed on without question on satisfactorily proving his succession, in the same way as a peer.

(5) That the right to the use of the Honourable Order amongst foreign titles should be authoritatively defined.

(6) That those baronets whose patents contain the clause by which their eldest sons are entitled to knighthood on attaining their majority should send their names forthwith, in order to have a definite ruling on this point.

The primary essential for the success of this movement is an overwhelming number of supporters, and it will materially strengthen the hands of the committee if baronets will kindly sign the enclosed form, approving our aims and becoming nominally at least one of our supporters, for numbers will enable us to carry the day, all things being equal; indeed, it cannot be too clearly nor too often reiterated that unless the greater majority of the non-Victorian baronets are agreed as to our aims and methods our efforts may be regarded as foredoomed to failure, and we shall be thankful to know promptly whether the order as a whole is apathetic or sympathetic.

A preliminary meeting of the Senior Committee of "The Associated Order of Baronets" will be summoned as soon as possible for the confirmation of the executive committees and vice-presidents, and among other business it will be proposed to invite the incorporation of any other committee of subsequent formation for similar objects.

All communications to be addressed to Mr. J. Foster, Hon. M. A. Oxon., 33, Bruton-street, Berkeley square, W. (the compiler of "Oxford"), who has undertakingly placed his time and experience at the disposal of the committee of the order, whose joint efforts for the restoration of our privileges in their entirety will, we hope, with your support, be completely successful.

The "recent precedency order" referred to is that which appeared in August last directing that "the children of legal life peers and of legal life peers deceased shall in future have the courtesy title of 'Honourable,' and that they shall have rank and precedence immediately after the younger children of barons and immediately before baronets."

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

DECEMBER 46.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey-perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Eurasia, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.

Private telegrams in secret language for Greece cannot be accepted.

Private telegrams for Crete must be in plain French or Turkish. Secret language forbidden.

New Caledonia cable interrupted.

Cable Fernambuc (Ceara interrupted.

Durban regrets all Transvaal lines interrupted.

Cable an Tromo Lourda interrupted.

Cable Sitia Rhodes interrupted.

Germans notify closing of Kiaochow office to Shantung province.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 10th December 1897.

[Difference in Longitude allowed for.]

Via.	Latest Dates			Time occupied in transmission.	
	D.	H.	M.	Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	6	2	45 a.m.	20	25
Persian Gulf	6	2	45 a.m.	20	25
Suez	10	2	30 a.m.	5	17

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., 10th December 1897.

	Maximum Time.		Minimum Time.	
	H.	M.	H.	M.
From Calcutta	0	45	0	5
" Karachi	...	15	...	3
" Madras	1	1	...	3

METEORS: ARABS OF THE SKY.

"There is scarcely any natural event which, to the observant eye, is so brilliant, so impressive and so animated, as a rich shower of meteors."

So writes a well-known astronomer, and all who have witnessed such a phenomenon will bear out this statement.

The story of the November meteor shower is of surpising interest, and as all astronomers, whether "official" or "amateur," will turn meteoric observers during the middle of November in this and few succeeding years, a few facts as to the origin and nature of the shower may not be out of place.

During the early hours of the 14th, 15th, and 16th of this month the November meteors will be visible, and those who wish to see the showers should keep a close watch on the mornings of these days.

A special feature of the Leonids, or November meteors, is that as the nucleus of each one dies away an ash-eglow, or streak of phosphorescence comes out along the path.

During the next six or seven years there will be rich showers of Leonids, and in the years 1899, 1900, and 1901 magnificent displays are expected during the month of November.

In addition to the Leonids, a fine exhibition of meteors connected with Biela's Comet may be looked for on November 23, 1898 or 1899. The explanation for the concurrence of these separate meteor showers is that three revolutions of the Leonids and fifteen revolutions of the Andromedes are as nearly as possible equivalent to 100 years.

The Leonid meteor shower, which crosses the earth's path at intervals of 33½ years, is the most important of all showers, new and old, and in 1833 they probably formed the most brilliant display ever recorded in our annals. The meteors owe their parentage to a comet which was seen at the end of 1865, and will probably be re-observed in the spring of 1899. The history of this mid-November stream, which is discharged upon the earth three times in a century, goes back nearly 1,000 years. From a consideration of the November meteors, Schiaparelli proved the close association of comets and meteors—showing that Tempel's Comet was the virtual progenitor of the Leonids. The theory that comets consist of meteoric swarms is now generally accepted. One feature of the Leonids is their rapidity of motion, their average speed being forty-four miles per second.

Amateur astronomers anxious to observe the November showers will do well to consult a series of articles which have appeared on this subject during the past few months in the pages of the *Observatory*. Attempts to photograph the feeble display of the Leonids during the last few years have been unsuccessful, but hopes are entertained that the brilliant showers of the few ensuing years may enable some good negatives to be obtained.

Visible meteors are of course, phenomena of our own atmosphere, which reaches a height of about 150 miles. It has been concluded that no fewer than 300 millions of these bodies pass daily into the earth's atmosphere.

There are two classes of meteors—those which dart irregularly through the sky, and meteoric showers which stream into our atmosphere in one definite direction and at stated intervals of time. Such meteors plunge into our atmosphere, and the resistance to which they become thus suddenly exposed raise them to a temperature which exceeds that of the most intense furnace. This heat is so enormous that the velocity of the meteor is next then to dissipate in vapour the most refractory substances, and it only now and then happens that even a part of a meteor escapes this fate and reaches the ground.

In the November swarm there are countless myriads of meteors; the finest of these might be cited years to be about 150,000 miles in width, and of immense length; so long, indeed, that moving at the rate of some twenty-seven miles a second it takes upwards of two years to pass the point where the path of the train crosses the earth's orbit. This path is crossed by the earth on the morning of November 14 in every year. The last great shower of Leonids was seen in the years 1866 to 1868. In 1866 the earth came round to the place where the great stream of meteors was pouring across our path, and took about five hours to pass through the stream. In November, 1867, when the earth again came round to the same place, the stream of meteors was still going on. In 1868 the meteors were also visible, but during the following years, when we came round to the proper place we found them scattered among outlying stragglers of the great procession.

It will thus be clearly seen that the November meteors travel in a certain path round our earth, and that three times in a century the earth's orbit crosses the path of the orbit of the meteors. That is to say, the middle of the November swarm crosses the earth's path at intervals of 33 1-4 years.

The laborious calculations of astronomers have shown that the November meteors do not describe exactly the same orbit over and over again. In a.d. 126 their path was very different from their present path, and the shifting of the orbit is due to the attraction of the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and the Earth. The probability is that before the year a.d. 126 the meteors were moving beyond the solar system. In this year they chanced to cross the path of Uranus, and this planet dragged them quite out of their former course, so that they began a new orbit round the sun.

With regard to the origin of meteors, Sir Norman Lockyer expresses the opinion that meteors are the earliest known form of matter, and the material of nebulæ and stars.

In times long past violent outbursts must have occurred on the sun and on the stars; the gaseous portion would sweep off through space like a net, and become a comet, while the vapours that accompanied it would be cooled into meteors.

Dr. Stoney has suggested that in seventeen centuries more, from the 19th November of next year, will have doubled its length, and that ultimately it will form a complete ring round the whole orbit. If this view be correct, showers of these meteors will fall every year upon the earth, but the swarm will be dissipated so that the display will be far less imposing than it now is.—*Westminster Gazette.*

WHAT IS THAT ONE THING?

It seems like an absurdity, yet it is true all the same, I mean that you might have a collar full of the finest lace and still suffer from a cold; and you would if it were not for one thing. "Oh, that is so obvious," you may say. "It was hardly worth while to hint at it. Anybody can see it with his eyes shut. All the better for me then; I shan't have to explain. And by the same sharpness you will be able to pick out the important point in two short letters I am about to copy for you.

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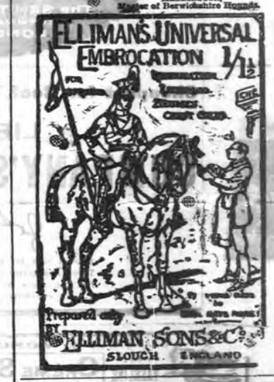

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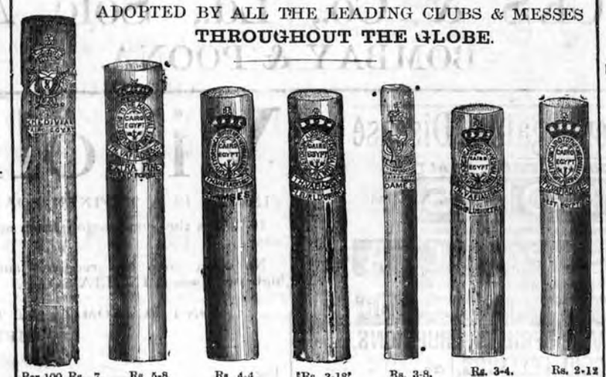

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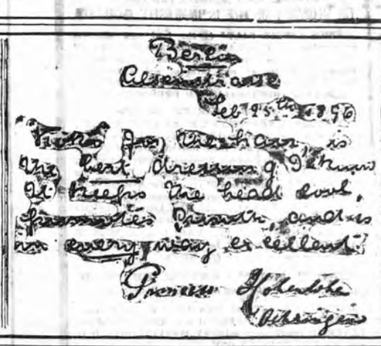

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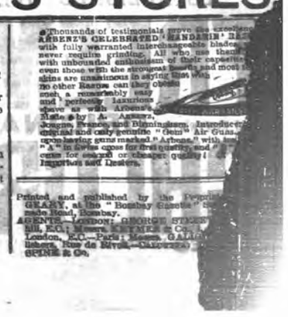

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